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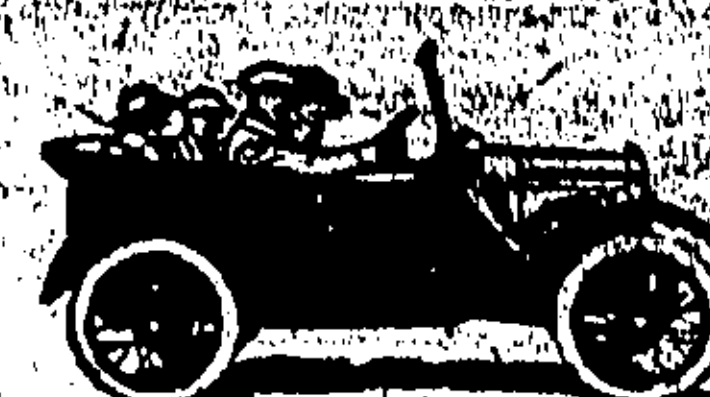
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## REEL TWO. CHARLES ROBINSON APPEALS. SEQUEL TO "MR. A." CASE. History Of Sensational Affair.

A Reuter cable from London to-day announces that Charles Robinson has entered an appeal against the judgment in the Midland Bank case.

The Midland Bank, Ltd., won part with the two cheques from fear or alarm?—Yes.

5. Was "Mr. A." mind so unsettled by the circumstances of the discovery that his act in parting with the two cheques was not free and voluntary?—Yes.

By their answers the jury thus exonerated Mr. and Mrs. Robinson from all complicity in a conspiracy to obtain money from "Mr. A." Upon these answers being returned, Lord Darling said it would be necessary to put further questions to the jury, and



Charles Robinson.

Bench Division, when Lord Darling held that as a cheque for \$150,000 was obtained by menaces from an Eastern potentate (whose identity throughout the hearing was hidden in the name of "Mr. A." for reasons of State), the drawer had not parted with his title to the money. Permission was later granted to disclose the identity of the mysterious "Mr. A." He is Rajah Sir Hari Singh, nephew and heir to Sir Pratap Singh, the Maharajah of Jammu and Kashmir. He is 25 years of age. He is Commander-in-Chief of the Kashmir Army, and was created a K.C.I.E. in 1918 and a K.C.V.O. four years later.

The plaintiff in the action was Mr. Charles Robinson, a book-maker, who claimed £125,000 as money had and received by the Midland Bank, Ltd., the defendants, for his use. Alternately, he claimed damages for alleged negligence. The bank denied that they had received the money or were negligent, and relied upon the bills of Exchange Act, 1882. The case for the plaintiff was that on January 6, 1920, an account was opened in his name by someone other than himself at the Kingsway branch of the Midland Bank, and that a cheque for £150,000 was paid into that account, that on the following day a cheque for £130,000, said to be forged, was cashed, it was alleged, by one Hobbs, who is now under arrest, and that the balance was later withdrawn by means of other "forged" cheques. The plaintiff said that the bank were negligent in paying out these sums.

The bank contended that the cheque for £150,000 was obtained from the Eastern potentate by a blackmailing conspiracy in which the plaintiff and his wife were concerned with other persons. The plaintiff and Mrs. Robinson both denied that they were in any such conspiracy, and Mr. Robinson said that when he was informed by a Mr. Newton of his wife's relations with "Mr. A." he was taken to Hobbs by Newton, and that he instructed Hobbs to commence divorce proceedings.

Subsequently he went to Hobbs's office and was handed a packet containing notes for £25,000, which he passed to his wife, saying he would have nothing more to do with her, and left the room. Some considerable time afterwards he ascertained that, instead of £25,000, an amount of £150,000 had been paid by "Mr. A." as "hush money," and he sought to recover from the bank the difference between these two amounts.

When the jury first retired to consider their verdict, Lord Darling left five questions for them to answer, which they did as follows:—

1. Was there a scheme or conspiracy to catch "Mr. A." with Mrs. Robinson with a view to getting money from "Mr. A."?
2. Was plaintiff a party to any such scheme or conspiracy?
3. Was Mrs. Robinson a party to any such scheme or conspiracy?
4. Was "Mr. A." induced to

part with the two cheques from fear or alarm?—Yes.

5. Was "Mr. A." mind so unsettled by the circumstances of the discovery that his act in parting with the two cheques was not free and voluntary?—Yes.

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## FIGURES IN THE SENSATIONAL "MR. A." CASE.



Above are shown Mrs. Robinson (centre), Montague Newton (top right corner), Lord Halsbury (bottom right corner), Mr. Justice Darling (top left corner), and Sir John Simon (bottom left corner).

five others were put and answered as follows:—

1. Were the words "Pay to order of Mr. C. Robinson, Appleton and Co." on the back of the cheque dated December 30, 1919, written by some person as agent for Appleton and Co.?—No. [The solicitors where Hobbs was clerk.]
2. Had Hobbs and (or) Appleton and Co. any intention of transferring the whole rights, if any, in the cheque for £150,000 to the plaintiff?—No.
3. Were the rights in the cheque ever transferred by Hobbs and (or) Appleton and Co. to the plaintiff?—No answer.
4. Did the bank paying out the £150,000 cheque obey the mandate under which they received and cleared the cheque?—Yes.
5. Did Hobbs in drawing out the money purport to act under the same authority as when he paid it?—Yes.

Rajah Sir Hari Singh.



Rajah Sir Hari Singh inherited a large fortune from his father, General Rajah Sir Amar Singh. The General was the younger brother of the present Maharajah, and when the latter abdicated at the close of the eighties in view of allegations of implication in a

## FRENCH COMPLIMENT.

CLEMENTEL'S SPEECH OF  
GOODWILL.

ENTENTE WITH BRITAIN.

PROMISE OF CLOSE FUTURE  
CO-OPERATION.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, January 13.

At the conclusion of the plenary session of the Finance Conference, M. Clementel in a felicitous speech of goodwill to the delegates, singled out Mr. Winston Churchill as a man of open mind, courage, and realistic, animated in war time by British and French solidarity, giving promise of close future co-operation and successful settlement of outstanding problems.

## U.S. WAR CLAIMS.

"FAIR" SAYS PRESIDENT.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, January 13.

It is stated at White House that President Coolidge regards the Paris agreement on the American war claims as a fair settlement, and expresses the opinion that it does not require the approval of Congress.

plot to murder a British resident, the General became president of the Council of Regency. From thenceforward he was the most powerful man in Kashmir, and the restoration of the rule of the Maharajah was more nominal than real until the death of his brother in 1909.

It is a matter for regret that the heir of one of the greatest native states should have come to Europe without the chaperonage of some trusted British political officer. This protection is rightly insisted upon by some of the leading ruling princes in regard to themselves or their sons; but the venerable Maharajah, of Kashmir, one of the most orthodox or Hindus, does not appear to have made this a *sine qua non*. At the end of the war, with the sanction of the British authorities, the Maharajah adopted a son for spiritual purposes, but it was understood at the time that this would not affect in any way the succession of Sir Hari Singh.

Sir Hari, who was educated at Mayo College, Ajmere, and who was decorated for the good services he rendered in the war, is both Commander-in-Charge and Foreign Minister of the State. Amid great rejoicing he married last year the eldest daughter of the Maharajah of Dharwar, in Northern Bombay. He is a great sportsman, and is widely known to British visitors to the lovely Vale of Kashmir for his abundant hospitality.

## STAR FERRIES.

CAPITALISING RESERVE FUND.

SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING.

Increase Of Company's Capital.

Interesting details relating to the Star Ferry Co. were announced at an extraordinary general meeting this morning when a resolution was submitted relating to the capital.

Mr. B. D. F. Beith presided over an extraordinary meeting of the "Star" Ferry Company, Ltd. held at noon this morning. There were also present Sir C. P. Chater, C.M.G., and Mr. C. Gordon Macle, directors, Mr. W. E. L. Shenton (solicitor to the company), Mr. W. S. Brown, secretary, and the following shareholders: F. H. Crumell, M. J. Cox, J. T. Bagnall, Rev. Father Robert, J. P. Bragg, E. H. Neave, J. Hyde, E. S. Ford, H. Mackenzie, L. S. Greenhill, E. Sudick and R. M. Davison.

After the notice convening the meeting had been read the Chairman said:

As indicated in the notice which has just been read by the Company's secretary, this meeting has been convened for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing an extraordinary resolution for the insertion of a new article after Article 110 of the Articles of Association.

The effect of the proposed resolution, will, if sanctioned by you, be that the Articles of Association of the Company will be augmented by a permanent article giving the shareholders in general meeting at any time power to pass a resolution to capitalise the Reserve Fund by its distribution to the shareholders in the form of bonus. Under the existing Articles of Association, the shareholders have not that power. The new resolution further gives the Directors power to satisfy such bonus by distribution proportionately to the shareholders the unissued or new shares in the company. To carry out the latter in a legal manner, it will be necessary for the Directors to authorise some person to enter into an agreement with the Company regarding the allotment of such bonus shares, that being the usual and customary procedure.

When the resolution before the meeting has been passed by you, it will be necessary to have it confirmed at the meeting convened for February 2.

This resolution is the preliminary step to give effect to the proposals fully explained in the notice convening the fourth meeting. You will observe that we are taking power to increase the authorised capital of the Company to \$1,000,000, by the creation of 60,000 new shares, though it is our intention at present to issue only 40,000 of such new shares. I must explain that the Reserve Fund of the Company on December 31, 1924, amounted to \$200,000, and the Directors, under the powers vested in them by Article 105 (16) of the Company's Articles of Association, have since augmented this Fund by the transfer of \$200,000 from the balance carried forward from 31st December, 1924, thus enabling us, if effect is given to the Resolution, to distribute one new share for every old existing share. The general financial position of the Company and the liquid assets we have in hand justify the Directors in recommending this change to you.

The Chairman then read the Resolution which was seconded by Rev. Father Robert and carried unanimously.

This concluded the business before the meeting, the Chairman remarking: "The notice convening this meeting also convenes the 27th ordinary annual meeting of the Company, a further extraordinary general meeting of the Company for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at this meeting, and of confirming, if thought fit, as a special resolution the resolution which has just been passed as an extraordinary resolution; and an ordinary general meeting respecting the proposal of increase of capital and capitalisation of Reserve Fund—all of which meetings will be held here on Monday, February 2, commencing at noon and I shall be glad if you will kindly attend same."

## GERMAN SIEMENS.

LOAN FROM U.S. BANKERS.

(Reuter's Service.)

New York, January 13. Negotiations have virtually been concluded by New York bankers for a loan of from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 for the German Siemens electrical firm.

## IDLE!

BRITISH LIST UP.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, January 13. The number of unemployed in Great Britain again jumped to 34,000 last week.

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HEAD OFFICE: HONGKONG.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL..... \$50,000,000  
 ISSUED AND FULLY PAID UP \$20,000,000  
 RESERVE FUNDS..... \$5,000,000  
 STERLING..... £2,400,000  
 SILVER..... \$25,000,000  
 RESERVE LIABILITY OF "PROPRIETORS"..... \$20,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:  
 W. L. Patterson, Esq., Chairman.  
 H. P. White, Esq., Deputy Chairman.  
 R. D. F. Bell, Esq., A. O. Lang, Esq.,  
 W. H. Bell, Esq., J. A. Plummer, Esq.,  
 A. H. Compton, Esq., T. G. Wall, Esq.,  
 Hon. Mr. J. E. Holroyd, G. M. Young, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER:  
 A. H. BARLOW, Esq.  
 Manager: Shanghai—G. H. STITT, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS.  
 Westminster Bank, Ltd.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened in LOCAL CURRENCY and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year on shorter periods in Local Currency and Sterling on terms which will be quoted on application.  
 Hongkong, 25th November, 1924.

## HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is calculated on the lowest balance during each completed Calendar Month at 3½ per cent. annum. Should there be no balance on any day in a month no interest will be allowed for that month.

Depositors may transfer at their option Balance of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at CURRENT RATES.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
 A. H. BARLOW, Chief Manager.  
 Hongkong, 7th January, 1925.

## THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA &amp; CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.  
 HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.

Paid-up Capital..... £3,000,000  
 Reserve Fund..... £2,800,000  
 Reserve Liability of Proprietors..... £2,000,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking business transacted.  
 CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for 1 year or shorter period at rates which will be quoted on application.

A. H. FERGUSON, Manager.  
 Hongkong, May 8, 1923.

## BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE.

HEAD OFFICE:  
 86, Boulevard Haussmann, Paris.  
 Subscribed Capital..... Frs. 70,000,000  
 Paid-up Capital..... Frs. 68,400,000  
 Reserve Funds..... Frs. 50,000,000

BRANCHES:  
 Hongkong, Shanghai, Canton, Peking, Hankow, Harbin, Dairen (Daini), Fongtien (Mukden), Saigon, Hanoi, Bangkok, Manila, Cebu, Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka, London, Lyons, Geneva, Bern, Zurich, Basel, Frankfurt, Cologne, Amsterdam, Antwerp, Brussels, Luxembourg, Paris, Lyons, Marseilles, Bordeaux, Nantes, Rouen, Lille, Calais, Dunkirk, Havre, Cherbourg, St. Malo, St. Brieux, St. Lo, Avranches, Vannes, Lorient, Brest, Nantes, Rennes, Angers, Orléans, Tours, Poitiers, Limoges, Clermont-Ferrand, Dijon, Besançon, Nancy, Strasbourg, Metz, Luxembourg, Brussels, Antwerp, Amsterdam, Cologne, Frankfurt, Berlin, Hamburg, Leipzig, Dresden, Prague, Vienna, Budapest, Pest, Bucharest, Sofia, Athens, Salonika, Constantinople, Bagdad, Aleppo, Damascus, Beirut, Haifa, Jaffa, Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Haifa, Jaffa, Tel Aviv, Jerusalem.

IN FRANCE: Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Crédit Lyonnais; Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas; Crédit Industriel et Commercial; Société Générale.

IN LONDON: The National Provincial and Union Bank of England, Ltd.; Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Crédit Lyonnais; Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas; Crédit Industriel et Commercial; Société Générale.

IN NEW YORK: J. P. Morgan & Co., French American Banking Corporation; Guaranty Trust Co. of New York.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement. Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.

A. LECOT, Manager.  
 Hongkong, March 29, 1924.

## THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LTD.

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 Capital (fully paid-up) Yen 100,000,000  
 Reserve Fund..... Yen 77,600,000

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 Honolulu, Shimonoseki,  
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 Nagasaki, Yantai,  
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 G. ARIMA, Manager.  
 Hongkong, 27th October, 1924.

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 Established 1919.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL..... \$10,000,000  
 PAID-UP CAPITAL..... \$5,000,000  
 RESERVE FUNDS..... \$750,000

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Loans granted on approved securities.  
 Interest allowed on Current Deposits Accounts at the rate of Two per cent. per annum, and on Fixed Deposits at the following rates:  
 For 3 months at the rate of 3½ per cent.  
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 KAN TONG PO, Chief Manager.  
 Hongkong, March 25, 1925.

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 Special Reserve G. 2,500,000 f. 3,750,000

HEAD OFFICE: Amsterdam.

EASTERN HEAD OFFICE: Batavia.

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Batavia, Bandoeng, Bombay, Calcutta, Chongking, Hongkong, Kobe, London, Lyons, Manilla, Peking, Shanghai, Soerabaya, Tientsin, Yokohama.

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W. H. GOSKAMP, Agent.

Hongkong, November 4, 1924.

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Subscribed Capital fully paid-up..... Frs. 10,000,000

Reserve Fund..... Frs. 10,800,000

Working fund provided by THE BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE DE CHINE..... Frs. 50,000,000.

BANKERS:

Paris: Societe Generale; Banque Nationale de Credit; Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas.

London: Midland Bank, Ltd.

New York: Irving Bank Columbia Trust Co.

Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted. Correspondents throughout the world.

M. FITZ-HENRY, Manager.

10th November, 1924.

## THE BANK OF TAIWAN, LTD.

(Taiwan Ginko.)

Incorporated by Special Imperial Charter, 1899.

Capital Subscribed..... Yen 60,000,000

Capital (Paid-up)..... Yen 52,500,000

Reserve Fund..... Yen 12,980,000

HEAD OFFICE: TAIPEI, FORMOSA.

BRANCHES:

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CHINA—Shanghai, Hankow, Kiating, Amoy, Foochow, Swatow, Canton.

OTHERS—Bangkok, Hongkong, Singapore, Soerabaya, Samarang, Batavia, Bombay, London, New York.

LONDON BANKERS: London County Westminster and Parr's Bank.

The Bank has Correspondents in the Commercial Centres in the European Continent, Russia, Manchuria, Mongolia, Japan, Indo-China, Siam, India, Philippines, Java and Dutch India, Australia, America, Africa, etc.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement. Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.

Z. YAMAMOTO, Manager.

HONGKONG BRANCH.

3, Des Voeux Road Central.

Hongkong, 5th June, 1924.

## THE BANK OF CHINA.

行銀國中

(Specially Authorised by Presidential Mandate of the Republic of China on the 22nd of November, 1917).

Authorized Capital..... \$50,000,000.00

Paid-up Capital..... \$18,278,600.00

Reserve Fund..... \$9,629,425.24

HEAD OFFICE: PEKING.

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QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

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Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits. Terms on application.

Every description of Banking Business transacted.

Loans granted on approved securities.

Special facilities for Home Exchange.

TSUYEE PEI, Manager.

3, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, October 1, 1925.

## COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

## PIECEGOODS TRADE.

## SMALLER BOOKINGS FOR NEXT SEASON.

## Drop in "Flannel."

Discussing the local piecegoods trade from the point of view of the Chinese dealer, a leading broker informed the "China Mail" yesterday that, owing to stagnation this season as a result of unsettled conditions up-country, a certain percentage of the stocks would have to be carried over. Consequently, he anticipated smaller bookings for next season, orders for which had been coming in for some time and which, in the ordinary course of events, should still be flowing in.

He mentioned one line which is known to the vernacular as "flannel" but goes by the name of woolen shirting. In this, he said, even the best brands had come down in price owing to the small demand from up-country. The present harvest of bargain sales as piecegoods shops gave an indication that things were not as they should be, and that declining prices and high rates of interest did not go hand in hand.

## WAYFOONG FIGURES.

## Dividend And Bonus.

The Directors of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation announce that, subject to audit, the Dividend and Bonus for the Half Year ending December 31, 1924, will be:

Dividend 23 per share.

Bonus in addition to dividend 22 per share.

Add to Silver Reserve Fund \$1,000,000.

Write off Bank Premises \$1,000,000.

Carry forward to next year about \$3,390,000.

## NAM PAK HONG PRICES.

## This Morning's Quotations.

This morning's Nam Pak Hong quotations, basis usual guild terms, for "spot" goods, were as follows:

Java Sugar, per picul net:—

No. 24 rough white..... \$ 9.50

No. 24 fine white..... 10.85

No. 18 rough brown..... 9.90

Flour, per sack of 50 lbs.:—

"XXX"..... \$4.12

"White Greens"..... 3.50

"Kingfisher"..... 3.50

## LOCAL PERMITS.

## Imports From Coast Ports.

As from January 1, returns must be made to the Imports and Exports Department for goods imported from Swatow, Army and Foochow.

This was announced at yesterday's monthly committee meeting of the Hongkong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Li Po-kuang, chairman, stated that the Chamber had been advised accordingly and notice had been passed on to the commercial associations concerned.

## FRANCE AND GERMANY.

## DESIRE TO CONQUER ALL MARKETS.

Paris, January 13.

Commenting on the refusal met with by the French proposal of a commercial *modus vivendi* on Germany's part, the newspapers recall that all the concessions were made by the French delegates and state that Germany will be responsible for the eventual break down of the negotiations.

"Le Journal" says that the pourparlers were steadily checked by Germany's desire to conquer the world markets.—Havcs.

## SILK.

The silk shipped per s.s. "President Jefferson," which sailed from this port at 5 a.m. on December 17, 1924, arrived at New York at 11 p.m. on January 8, 1925, having been 22 calendar days and 18 hours in transit.

## THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LTD.

HEAD OFFICE: 11, Gracechurch Street, London, E.C. 4.

Authorized Capital..... £20,000,000

Subscribed Capital..... £10,000,000

Paid-up Capital..... £5,000,000

Reserve Fund..... £1,250,000

BRANCHES:

The Bank of England & India Bank, Ltd.

Branches: Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, Rangoon, Singapore, Suez, Yokohama.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts at 1 per cent. per annum, and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be quoted on application.

W. C. WILSON, Manager.

11, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, October 1, 1925.

## COMPANY REPORT.

## BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION.

The balance sheet and profit and loss account of the British India Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., for the year ended September 30 last, shows a balance available for distribution, after providing for depreciation, of £188,609, which the directors recommend should be distributed as follows:—

Dividend of 5 per cent. on Preference stock, of which 2½ per cent. was paid in May last, £35,000; dividend of 8 per cent. free of income tax, on shares, of which 4 per cent. (interim dividend) was paid in May last, £76,576; a total of £111,576, leaving a balance to be carried forward of £27,033. There has been only a very slight improvement in trade on the coast of India during the year. The company's mail services have been performed with regularity. The following old steamers, which stood at nominal values in the books, have been sold, owing to heavy recurring expenditure in upkeep:—"Sofala," "Obra," "Carpentaria," "Orissa," "Purnea," "Chupra," "Gracchus," "Ula," "Bharata," "Bangala," "Upada," "Uralna," "Umta," "Taroba," "Euryalus," "Thongwa," "Onda." The "Gorala" and "Mata Hari" have also been sold. The following new steamers, and motorships were added to the fleet during the year:—Steamers: "Taira," 7,993 tons; "Tilawa," 10,006 tons; "Takliwa," 7,936 tons; and since closing accounts, "Taira," 7,993 tons; "Tilawa," 10,006 tons; "Takliwa," 1,537 tons. Five steamers are now under construction for the company, viz.:—Three cargo steamers, of 8,000 tons each; two cargo-passenger steamers, of 8,500 tons each.

## EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, January 14, 1925.

On London:—

Bank, Wire..... 2/4

"On demand"..... 2/4 1/16

"30 days' sight"..... 2/4 1/16

"4 months' sight"..... 2/4 1/16

Credit, 4 months' sight..... 2/4 1/16

Documentary, 4 months' sight..... 2/4 1/16

On Paris:—

On demand..... 10/40

Credit, 4 months' sight..... 10/40

On Shanghai:—

On demand..... 10/40

Credit, 30 days' sight..... 10/40

On Hongkong:—

On demand..... 10/40

On Calcutta:—

On demand..... 10/40

On Bombay:—

On demand..... 10/40

On Yokohama:—

On demand..... 10/40

On Manila:—

On demand..... 10/40

On Cebu:—

On demand..... 10/40

On Singapore:—

On demand..... 10/40

On Batavia:—

On demand..... 10/40

On Soerabaya:—

On demand..... 10/40

On London:—

Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tola)..... 48/40

Silver (per tola)..... 8/88

Silver (per tola)..... 8/88

SUBSIDIARY COINS:

Hongkong 50 cents sub..... 8 1/2 p.m.

"100 cents sub..... 8 1/2 p.m.

Canton coins..... 8 1/2 p.m.

Bar Silver in Hongkong..... 10 1/2 p.m.

Chinese Copper Cash..... 8 1/2 p.m.

Chinese Copper Cash..... 8 1/2 p.m.

Rate of Silver Interest..... 7 p.m.

Chinese Sub. Coin..... 8 1/2 p.m.

Hongkong Sub. Coin..... 8 1/2 p.m.

## LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

## OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

JANUARY 14, 11 A.M.

Names Stock Exchange.







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OR TRIESTE.

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## NEXT SAILINGS.

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S.S. "FUMI-L" ... Sails about 1st Feb.  
S.S. "LACONIA" ... Sails about 4th Feb.

HOMEWARD FOR BRINDISI, VENICE AND TRIESTE.

S.S. "NUMIDIA" ... Sails about 26th Feb.  
S.S. "VENEZIA" ... Sails about 7th Feb.  
S.S. "FUMI-L" ... Sails about 7th Mar.  
S.S. "LACONIA" ... Sails about 9th Mar.

## NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS

FROM CALCUTTA & COLOMBO TO  
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Ports on or about 18th January 1925.Further sailings:- Expected on or about Will leave home ward bound  
on or about  
M.S. "ANNAM" 15th February 15th February  
M.S. "AUSTRALIEN" 15th February 15th February  
M.S. "JAYA" 7th March 7th March  
M.S. "OHLE" 15th April 15th April  
M.S. "AFRIKA" 5th May 5th May  
Subject to change without notice.

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## O. S. K.

## SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG VIA SUEZ TO ANTWERP

LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP - Via Singapore, Colombo, Suez and Port Said.  
AMAZON MARU ... Saturday, 18th Jan.  
APPS MARU ... Friday, 17th Jan.  
MIDDE LANER, LANTOS, HUBER, ABER - Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Suez and Port Said.  
CANADA MARU ... Friday, 20th Jan.  
PANAMA MARU ... Friday, 13th Feb.  
BOMBEY - Via Singapore and Colombo  
SHINOH MARU ... Sunday, 18th Jan.  
AMUR MARU ... Tuesday, 20th Jan.  
INDU MARU ... Saturday, 24th Jan.  
SAIGON - Bangkok and Singapore  
KISHU MARU ... Sunday, 1st Feb.  
SALUTIA - Via Singapore and Bangkok  
HAGUE MARU ... Sunday, 25th Jan.  
INDO MARU ... Thursday, 28th Feb.  
VICTORIA SEATTLE TACOMA & VANCOUVER - Via Shanghai and Japan Ports.  
AFRICA MARU (From Shanghai) ... Monday, 26th Jan.  
NEW YORK - Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.  
ARGON MARU ... Thursday, 22nd Jan.  
HAYRE MARU (From Shanghai) ... Beginning of Feb.JAPAN PORTS  
BORNEO MARU ... Friday, 30th Jan.  
PARIS MARU ... Wednesday, 11th Feb.  
KEELUNG - VIA SWATOW & AMOY  
AMAKUSA MARU ... Sunday, 18th Jan. at 11 a.m.  
KAIU MARU ... Sunday, 25th Jan. at 11 a.m.  
FARAO - VIA SWATOW & AMOY  
KOTSU MARU ... Monday, 18th Jan. at 8 a.m.  
TAKAO & KEELUNG  
KISHU MARU ... Friday, 16th Jan.  
For further particulars please apply to:-  
O. S. K. SHOSHUN KAIKWA  
M. TAKEUCHI, Manager.  
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SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.S.S. "COLORADO" ... Via Suez Canal ... 19th Jan.  
S.S. "ATREUS" ... Via Suez Canal ... 26th Jan.  
S.S. "CITY OF BEDFORD" ... Via Suez Canal ... 7th Feb.  
S.S. "K. COMPANY" ... Via Suez Canal ... 19th Feb.  
Steamers proceed via Suez Canal or Panama Canal at Owner's Option.  
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H.K. 1, April 1924.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS  
AND PASSENGERS.

## PROJECTED DEPARTURES.

## SWATOW.

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## SINGAPORE.

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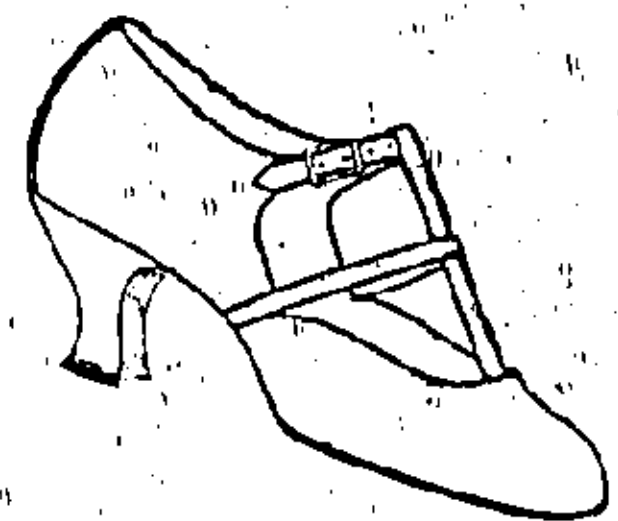
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**BIRTHS.**

CHASSELS.—On January 7, 1925,  
at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs.  
T. R. Chassels, a son.  
PRICE.—On January 7, 1925, at  
Shanghai, to Olivia and  
Maurice T. Price, twin  
daughters.

Hongkong, Wednesday, January 14, 1925

**HONGKONG AND THE SINGA-  
PORE BASE.**

Hitherto Hongkong's interest  
in the Singapore base has been  
confined to the strategic aspects  
of the scheme. Now however, it  
seems just possible that the  
Colony may have to regard the  
base from another standpoint as  
well. According to the naval  
correspondent of a Home paper,  
the whole question of the base  
hinges on the time required to  
provide the docking accommoda-  
tion required for the modern  
bulged capital ships. All existing  
and designed aircraft carriers can  
already be docked there. Such  
sales of material as may have  
taken place through the Labour  
Party coming into power can be  
rapidly replaced as they were  
confined in the main to perishable  
stock. The Admiralty contend  
that it will take eight or nine  
years to build the dry docks, and  
the Washington Convention comes  
to an end in the same period.  
This is the point which the  
Cabinet is going to examine, for  
as the naval correspondent tritely  
points out, nobody can forecast  
the state of affairs in the Pacific  
eight of nine years hence. New  
Zealand has already announced  
that she will give £100,000 for the  
scheme, and Australia, has said  
that she will contribute a sub-  
stantial amount. The Govern-  
ment, the naval correspondent  
learns, is making inquiries as to  
the precise amounts that may be  
expected from the Dominions.

Now this is where Hongkong may  
possibly have to enlarge its ideas  
regarding the Singapore base.  
Hongkong is not of course a  
Dominion and therefore could

easily evade making any contri-  
bution to the base at all, pointing  
out, if need be, that the existing  
military contribution more than  
meets out Imperial obligations.  
Hongkong could take this attitude  
but for one fact. Our sister  
Colony of Singapore has already  
made a generous response to the  
Empire's need by presenting the  
Home Government with the sites  
for the new docks. Of course it  
can be argued that Singapore  
stands to make much money  
through the presence of the Fleet  
and that Hongkong already pays  
dearly through the heart of the  
city being occupied by the Royal  
Naval Dockyard. But we think  
most people, whatever their  
opinions about assisting the Home  
taxpayer, will agree that these  
arguments are largely beside the  
point. Whether Hongkong should  
assist the Home taxpayer in this  
respect is of course for the public  
to indicate. Frankly we feel that  
some contribution should be made,  
but we hasten to add that it  
should not take the form of the  
military contribution, which is  
unjustly levied, but should take  
the form of a single grant, like  
New Zealand's, though of course  
proportionately smaller. Hong-  
kong may never be asked for a  
contribution at all, but if a  
request is possible—and we sup-  
pose it is—the Colony, if only for  
obvious financial reasons (putting  
the matter at its lowest level)  
should anticipate that request and  
so make a duty a pleasure.

**More About Opium.**

With the formal opening of the  
International Opium Conference  
at Geneva, and its adjournment  
for a week, it is only natural that  
there should be a spate of talk on  
the opium question. Sir John  
Jordan, according to a Reuters  
message, has been airing his views  
on the orthodox lines of strict pro-  
hibition and of forcing the posi-  
tion in China itself to accord with  
the views of the anti-opium  
"crusaders." In a long article in  
a Singapore paper just to hand,  
Dr. Lim Boon-keng gives some  
 cogent reasons why immediate  
prohibition is impossible. The  
learned doctor was one of the chief  
witnesses, if we remember rightly,  
at the Opium Commission during  
the regime of Sir John Anderson  
as Governor of the Straits Settle-  
ments—a Commission whose re-  
port was then (about sixteen years  
ago) regarded as the "last word"  
on the opium question. Dr. Lim  
Boon-keng, himself strongly  
opposed to the use of opium,  
formulates the supposition that  
opium can be absolutely banished  
from the market, and that the  
habitués will agree to do without  
it. This supposition is based upon  
two conditions, which are them-  
selves problematical. "Can we  
within a century entirely prevent  
opium reaching those who are mad  
to have it at any cost? Will the  
opium smokers voluntarily under-  
go their craving and sufferings to  
carry out a policy of which they  
naturally cannot approve or may  
not see the urgency or even  
the necessity?" These questions  
indicate what sort of intricate  
financial, administrative, social,  
psychological, medical, and  
hygienic problems are involved.  
Even if these difficult matters

were hypothetically settled, the  
prohibition of such an extensive  
and deeply-rooted habit could not  
be effected without grave conse-  
quences by virtue of the known  
physiological and pathological  
effects produced by opium in  
chronic habitués. The doctor pro-  
ceeds to argue that the prohibition  
of opium would be as successful  
(sic!) as the prohibition of alcohol  
in America and that, deprived  
of opium, the habitués would turn  
to alcohol or some other deleteri-  
ous drug. The latter is no new  
point. It was emphasised again  
and again by witnesses before the  
first Straits Opium Commission.  
Moreover, the immediate prohibi-  
tion of opium in China, as Dr.  
Lim Boon-keng points out, would  
simply mean the creation of a  
vast army of smugglers, who  
would be the chief gainers from  
such drastic legislation. As he  
concludes, rightly, it is a question  
for the people themselves to decide  
—if they do not wish opium they  
will not have it; and, if they do  
wish it, it is useless for any Power  
or combination of Powers to  
interfere and talk of immediate  
prohibition.

**"Outlawed" Seamen.**

For the umpteenth time the  
Prime Minister of Australia is  
determined to try to force a settle-  
ment of the shipping dispute,  
which has played havoc with the  
Commonwealth for nearly three  
months. Supporting an applica-  
tion for the re-registration of the  
Seamen's Union, Mr. Stanley  
Bruce declared that the paralysis  
of the shipping trade necessitated  
definite action, and that the  
seamen's action was tantamount  
to war on the whole community;  
they had thereby outlawed them-  
selves from trade unionism. The  
opposite nature of the Prime  
Minister's remarks may be gather-  
ed from the following Brisbane  
telegram of December 5:—"That  
the Brisbane Chamber of Com-  
merce has done everything within  
its power, without success, to  
secure the unloading of cargo from  
the steamer "Wyandara" and its  
subsequent transshipment to an-  
other vessel, is evident from a  
statement by Mr. R. Tanner,  
secretary to the Chamber. He  
said after interviewing the ship-  
ping companies and also the waif-  
side workers and the Seamen's  
Union, the Premier (Mr.  
Theodore) was approached asking  
him to communicate with the  
Prime Minister. An appeal was  
made to Mr. Theodore to have  
the matter dealt with as one of  
special urgency on the grounds;  
(1) That the community are  
suffering; (2) that the community  
are wholly innocent sufferers; (3)  
that North Queensland consumers  
are likely to suffer through short-  
age of supplies; (4) that valuable  
commodities are rapidly becoming  
valueless; (5) that such  
deterioration means loss of wealth  
to Queensland. Despite the fact  
that the cargo on the "Wyandara"  
is valued at £75,000 and consists  
mostly of perishable goods, such  
as bacon, hams, potatoes, butter,  
cheese and other foodstuffs, and  
that this cargo is daily becoming  
less valuable, nothing further can  
be done by the Chamber of Com-  
merce." Those who know Aus-  
tralian labour conditions will agree  
that the position at Brisbane is  
not isolated in respect of the  
injury inflicted on a helpless busi-  
ness community, who have to  
suffer immense losses through the  
whims of the Seamen's Union and  
the Waterside Workers' Federa-  
tion. Nor is it easy to tell from  
the cablegrams whether the  
Seamen's Union or the Waterside  
Workers' Federation is to blame  
for each development reported: at  
times the Union is at strife on its  
own account, and vice versa,  
whilst not many weeks ago the  
main trouble at Sydney was with  
the Waterside Workers and at  
Fremantle with the Seamen's  
Union. Where the one dispute  
ends and the other begins is often  
hard to tell. The main thing is  
that the shipping trade of the  
whole Commonwealth is paralysed,  
and that commercial interests are  
sacrificed in spite of the Arbitra-  
tion Court and its judicial officers.

**A SUNKEN WRECK.**

**MARINERS CAUTIONED.**

Notice has been given that the  
French steam-launch "San-Pool,"  
has a sunken wreck about 300 feet  
off the right bank of the West  
River, slightly to the south of  
Rattler Island.

A part of her funnel is showing  
above water.  
Masters of vessels are cautioned  
to navigate the vicinity with great  
care as it is impossible to maintain  
wrecking marks.

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**MISS MARY HO TUNG.**

**MARRIED TO-DAY AT  
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CEREMONY AT "IDLEWILD."

The wedding of another of the  
daughters of Sir Robert  
Ho Tung—Miss Mary Ho Tung—  
took place quietly this afternoon  
at the Hongkong Registry, a  
largely attended reception being  
afterward held at "Idle-  
wild," 8 Seymour Road, the  
town residence of the bride's  
parents.

The bridegroom, Mr. Wong  
Sik-lam, is from Shanghai, his  
parents being Mr. and Mrs. Wong  
Kam-fook.

At the ceremony the  
bride wore a silver brocade  
coat and skirt trimmed  
with narrow silver braiding, the  
material of which was obtained  
from Paris. Her bouquet was of  
white roses. Sir Robert Ho Tung  
gave his daughter away. Dr.  
Y. S. Wan (Dr. Wan Yik-sing)  
was "best man."

Miss Nancy Ho, daugh-  
ter of Mr. Ho Fook, who  
carried a bouquet of pink roses,  
was bridesmaid.

The youngest sister of the bride  
(Miss Florence Ho Tung) and the  
sister of the bridegroom (Miss  
Jessie Wong) were the flower  
girls.

They wore dresses of pink crepe  
satin, with embroidered silver  
trimming to match; and carried  
baskets of pink roses.

Lady Ho Tung was attired in  
pale grey brocade trimmed with  
almond radium silk and em-  
broided with silver braid le tout  
ensemble.

The young couple are leaving  
shortly for Shanghai, the bride's  
travelling dress being of apricot  
colour Indian silk brocade and  
trimming to match.

The wedding cake was supplied  
by Cafe Wiseman.

**TRAM-CAR BLAZE.**

**A PRIVATE TO THE RESCUE.**

**EXCITING INCIDENT TO-DAY.**

A mild sensation was caused a  
few minutes before noon to-day  
opposite the Hongkong Cricket  
Club ground when a tram-car was  
observed to be on fire. Traffic  
was brought to a standstill for  
about ten minutes.

Tram-car No. 19 was proceeding  
east and had just turned round  
the corner by the Museum when  
smoke suddenly came out from the  
under-deck. It was found that  
some wires had caught fire in the  
back portion of the car just under  
neath the controls.

A private of the East Surreys,  
driving a military officer's motor  
car, jumped off and rushed to the  
scene with a small fire ex-  
tinguisher, which he immediately  
put into action. In the meantime  
others had rushed for water,  
several buckets of which arrived  
soon after.

Several Europeans and an In-  
dian constable, also assisted, and  
the fire was extinguished without  
much difficulty.

The tram car was then taken to  
the depot, which was a signal for  
the large crowd to disperse.

**WHOSE SILK?**

**R.A.S.C. PRIVATES IN  
COURT.**

William Lane and Richard  
Fitzgerald, privates of the Royal  
Army Service Corps, were again  
before Mr. N. L. Smith at the  
Central Magistracy this morning.  
The first accused was charged  
with obtaining under false pre-  
tences from the Pioneer Silk Store  
a quantity of silk goods valued  
at \$140.20, and with pawing some  
goods under a false name and  
address. The second accused was  
charged with obtaining under false  
pretences a quantity of silk goods  
from the same establishment  
amounting in value to \$97.50 and  
a further lot valued at \$61.50 from  
Messrs. Pohomull Brothers.

At the previous hearing, the two  
accused expressed a desire to take  
legal advice. Mr. W. B. Hind  
applied for a short remand this  
morning, to enable Mr. G. K. Hall  
Bruton, who had been consulted,  
to be present. His Worship  
accordingly fixed the case for next  
Friday afternoon.

Another charge was added  
against the first accused in respect  
of goods amounting in value to \$66  
from Messrs. Kayamally & Co.

**STREET THIEF.**

**EUROPEAN LADY ROBBED.**

**HAND BAG STOLEN.**

A case of snatching is re-  
ported by Mr. E. L. Stanfield,  
living in Government quarters at  
Cox Path, Kowloon.

It is stated in the report that  
while Mrs. Stanfield was standing  
in Pedder Street yesterday morn-  
ing, a Chinese came from behind  
and made off with her hand-bag  
containing money and articles  
valued at \$25.80.

**CORRESPONDENCE.**

**"SUI AN" PIRACY LOSSES.**

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir.—Is it not time to recall to  
mind the dastardly occurrence  
which took place in the month of  
November 1922 when the "Sui-  
An" was pirated while on a  
return excursion to Macao? The  
estimated valuables, including  
personal belongings and cargo,  
stolen by the desperadoes  
totalled to somewhere near  
\$200,000, and if my memory sup-  
ports me, I think the matter of  
meeting the losses sustained by  
those who were unfortunate in  
being victimised to the extent of  
losing their personal property, was  
discussed and a request was made  
through the medium of the papers to  
invite those who had any claims to  
make, to forward to the company a  
statement covering their losses.  
However it seems as though the  
action of the Steamboat Company  
in dealing with the matter has  
passed beyond all recognition in  
as far as compensating is con-  
cerned and I venture to ask  
whether we will ever hear any more  
in connection with this subject.  
Nevertheless I make this plea in  
the hope of the question being  
brought to light for the sake of all  
those who still linger with the  
thought of receiving compensation  
at some future date.  
Thanking you for inserting this  
letter in your valuable columns.  
Yours etc.  
VICTIM.

Hongkong, January 14

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir.—Last night being one of the  
audience which no doubt greatly  
appreciated and admired the  
latest of the Shavian productions  
in "St. Joan," especially the lady  
who took the leading role, and not  
forgetting her with the inverted  
cloven hoof upon his head, and the  
other alongside him in black robes  
and butcher's apron—I must say—  
perhaps only think—that the  
flourishing of the "Cross" in the  
last act was a great mistake—  
never intended by Mr. Shaw him-  
self—in a city like Hongkong  
surrounded as it is by a supposed-  
pagan native population ever ready  
to decry its rulers while laughing  
at their attempts to Christianise  
them and their brethren on the  
island and on the mainland, vast  
as that mainland is.

We have enough belittling of  
our race in the cinema—with the  
greatest help of America—by  
fleeing shadows across a screen,  
revolver or automatic in hand,  
robbing houses, killing innocents,  
holding up trains and pirating  
peaceful merchant ships. Yet  
notwithstanding all this we  
now in human flesh and  
blood—in front of our Chi-  
nese next-door neighbours—  
flaunt the symbol of Christianity  
—of the "Redeemer"—in the  
hands of one of many Torquemadas  
red with the foul murder of the  
purest of the Pure sent to her  
doom by the two so-called greatest  
Christian nations of the world.

Where are we? What do we  
do? Why send missionaries to  
convert the heathen where in a  
"Show" like last night we prove  
ourselves to be that which we are  
not; be we Romanist, Calvinist or  
Episcopalian!

Yours, etc.

KNOCK-ABOUT.

Hongkong, January 14.

**DROP TO DEATH.**

**FATE OF YOUNG CHINESE  
MAN.**

**HIDDEN ROMANCE.**

Cherchez la femme (look for  
the woman) seems to be the only  
conclusion to draw from the drop  
to death of the young Chinese who  
was picked up outside China  
Building in the small hours of  
yesterday morning.

As reported in yesterday's  
"China Mail," the young man had  
jumped or fallen from the roof of  
the local skyscraper, occupied by  
the South China Restaurant Co.  
Subsequent investigations have  
established his identity as that of  
a son of the principal of the well-  
known provision store of Nam  
Hing Loong. Deceased was only  
25 years of age; he is a widower  
and leaves a son four years old.

On the body was a sum of over  
\$7 and a letter from a Chinese  
lady which gave the impression  
that deceased was on more than  
friendly terms with her.

Yesterday, a lady residing in  
Peel Street, was asked to make a  
statement to the Central Detec-  
tive Office.

Death is believed to have been  
instantaneous after the drop of  
over a hundred feet, and the un-  
fortunate young man is stated to  
have jumped over the parapet  
enclosing the verandah of the  
roof.



**"SAINT JOAN."**

HONGKONG A.D.C.'S SECOND NIGHT.

STRANGER'S IMPRESSIONS.

The Theatre Royal was again packed last night for the second night of the performance of "Saint Joan" by the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club, but it was the "first night" for many, including the writer, who also made his first introduction to amateur theatricals in Hongkong. In a friendly discussion before hand on the merits or demerits of local criticisms of local plays, the problem was propounded: is it altogether fair to expect the best critique from a local resident, irrespective of his claims or experience as a journalist or dramatic critic or amateur theatrical enthusiast? It was there that the writer "fell," being promptly invited to attend the second night's performance and give his impressions full play. It could certainly be an absolutely detached opinion, as all the members of the cast and all the organisers are total strangers, and an exception being made in the case of Sir Claude Severn, who was once seen and even spoken to, when he was Private Secretary to Sir John Anderson in the Straits Settlements one bright day between 1907 and 1911.

As a foreword, let it be said that the Colony is to be warmly congratulated on the existence of such a strong band of amateurs, with sufficient keenness and enthusiasm to keep the theatrical and "dramatic" flag flying for so many years, with only a break here and there in the long period of its existence since 1870. The present company also deserves more than a passing tribute for its boldness, to attempt, and its ability to stage, a piece such as George Bernard Shaw's "Saint Joan." It is a pity that the setting in the Theatre-Royal is not so comfortable as it might be for a three hours' sitting; and it is also unfortunate that the Amateur Dramatic Club could not have commandeered the services of Mr. Ray to supervise the lighting effects on the same scale as was in evidence the other night during the entertainment by the Pantomimists from H.M.S. "Durban."

From the rising of the curtain we were prepared to praise rapturously, incessantly, unhesitatingly, demonstratively. But fair criticism never yet damned an amateur dramatic club and certainly it never could diminish the vim of such a talented company as Hongkong possesses at the present moment. Making allowances for the type of play and the type of dramatist, all-round better performances have been seen elsewhere. None of the artists last night was so super-human as some would have them. A few were what they were described on the programme—amateurs and nothing but amateurs. A few were very poor amateurs even. But, as no one throws away a wedding cake because of a stray ant, so the whole performance must not be adversely criticised, because of the failings of this or that exponent of the drama according to George Bernard Shaw.

Of course some of the faults cannot justly be attributed to members of the cast; these must be put down to the author. Especially does this hold good with some of the long perorations, which verged on boredom. The inquisitor was made to turn the "inquisition" on both his audience and himself by the long part he was set to recite and chant. And even the Bishop of Beauvais was disposed at times to clip his sentences and twist and turn others when he seemed just a little overdone.

Then there was and will be to-night the Earl of Warwick. He cannot be held responsible for his natural voice but whilst the uniform may be similar to that worn by Richard de Beauchamp, the voice was a stranger both to the uniform and to the Earl of Warwick. Then, too, the Steward of last night could not be the Steward of the play. The effort at age and bentness of figure was made, but the voice was not the voice of a Steward, nor were the hands the hands of the character in question.

The Archbishop of Rheims was like unto the curate's egg—good and otherwise by turns; but on the whole, when he got accustomed to the audience perhaps, he became a little more ecclesiastical in tone and manner. The Chaplain de Stogumber was really good only in one part—when he realised what he had done in helping to send Joan to the stake.

Then we come to Joan. We did not care for her voice in the earlier parts, whilst she had a tendency to address the audience over-much in dialogues with Robert de Baudricourt and the Dauphin. In the trial scene, however, she became transformed into another actress altogether and gave a very clever interpretation of the role as Shaw would have it himself. All the elements for success were provided in the play by the dramatist, and she made the most of them. "She certainly is an acquisition to an

**HIS FOREIGN WIFE.**  
LIVELY DOMESTIC STIR.  
ECHOES IN COURT.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Central Magistracy this morning, Mok Lu-man and his foreign wife (Mrs. Ella Schreyer), residing at No. 39, Lee Tung Street, appeared on two summonses for assaulting the Chinese wife of the first defendant. Both pleaded not guilty.

The complainant, who could not suppress her tears, stated in evidence that she visited the defendant's house at noon on New Year's Day to collect \$10 per month maintenance under an order made on October 3 last year. In the course of this visit it was alleged by the complainant that first defendant made a rush and struck her in the mouth and other parts of the body. She was told that no money would be given, and advised to take out a summons. She was bleeding from her nose as a result of the assault, and made a report at No. 1 Police Station.

The first defendant said that he was a reasonable man, but owing to the unwomanly conduct of the complainant (his first wife), he was obliged to go abroad, where in course of time he got married to his foreign wife. Defendant alleged that the complainant came to on New Year's Day while he was having his meal and refused to wait for the money until he had finished his meal. A scene was enacted in which an image was smashed by the complainant, who also pulled out a tuft of beard from the defendant's aged father. After the evidence of the complainant's son, a little boy, His Worship said that he had no doubt that the complainant behaved in a very bad way, and he also had no reason to doubt that she had been assaulted. He would make an order for the complainant to make no more visits to the defendant's house and for the sum of \$10 under the maintenance order to be paid to the Magistrate's clerk every month.

The first defendant was not agreeable to this course, saying that the complainant had promised to leave him alone by living in Canton but had not done so.

Mok Sau-sam, the aged father of the first defendant, was then assisted into the witness box. Witness described her daughter-in-law (the complainant) as a very bad woman and corroborated the story of a portion of his beard being pulled out.

A further offer by the Magistrate for settlement as suggested, did not satisfy the first defendant, and both summonses and a cross-summons against the complainant were adjourned until to-morrow for the appearance of the Inspector in charge of the No. 1 Police Station at the time.

**SENSATIONAL.**

LATEST EGYPTIAN SURPRISE.

(Reuter's Service.)

CAIRO, January 14

A political sensation has been caused by the latest and most important defection from the Wafd in the person of Mohamed Said Pasha who intends standing for the elections as an independent.

Said Pasha was Premier in 1919. Later he was Minister in the Zaghlul Government in which he was acting Prime Minister when Zaghlul came to England last year.

An English firm, it is understood, will be entrusted with the construction at Seville, of the largest airship factory in the world. The Spanish directory is about to establish an air line from Seville to Buenos Ayres, and the scheme includes the provision of a workmen's city capable of housing many thousand families. The airship, it is stated, will be under the supervision of a Frenchman.

amateur dramatic company. The Dauphin likewise would have pleased "G.B.S." and so could some of the others in the cast.

There may be other points connected with the actual acting that appealed to us at the moment when presented last night; but these slumber hath faded out, and we must leave further comment for a further visit—if we dare—when we trust the curtain at the close of the respective scenes will not crash down so prematurely and violently.

It was, on the whole, a most enjoyable evening, and, as we said in effect at the start, the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club are to be sincerely complimented on providing it and, incidentally, on putting themselves up as targets of criticism per medium of George Bernard Shaw and "Saint Joan."

**RAILWAY SMASH.**  
FRIGHTFUL SCENES AT HERNE.  
HEAVY TOLL.

PASSENGERS REDUCED TO PULP.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, January 13.

Numbers were killed and injured in a railway disaster at Westphalia this morning, when the express from Berlin to Cologne came into collision with a stationary train at Herne station. So far, twenty-one bodies have been extricated from the wreckage.

TWENTY-THREE KILLED.

The disaster was due to the driver of the express failing to see the danger signal owing to the fog and darkness.

Twenty-three persons were killed and fifty injured, all of whom were passengers in the stationary train.

The collision was so violent that twelve people in the last coach were smashed to pulp, and would only be identified through documents in their pockets. All the occupants of the last two coaches were killed instantly.

Subsequent scenes were most harrowing, the station being littered with bloodstained debris. A most pathetic incident was that in which a child with her arm torn off, was searching for her dead mother.

OTHER ACCIDENTS.  
A similar accident occurred at Hettlingen station in the Ruhr, in which three persons were killed and several injured; whilst five persons were injured in an accident at Duisburg, through a light engine colliding with a passenger train.

**SUBMARINE ASHORE.**

AMERICAN VESSEL IN GRAVE DANGER.

JUST OVERHAULED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Chatham (Chas.), Jan. 13.

The United States submarine S19 has gone ashore at Naussett Beach in a fog.

A wireless message states that the crew are safe below and have battered down the hatches. The vessel is expected to refloat.

HEAVY SEAS.

Chatham, later.  
The S19 has wireless that her position has become dangerous owing to heavy seas breaking over the bridge. The vessel listed twenty degrees.

The submarine, with five officers and 35 men, commanded by Lieutenant Martin, left Portsmouth (New Hampshire) navy yard yesterday afternoon, after a thorough overhaul, en route to the submarine base at New London to be recommissioned.

**FRENCH PREMIER.**

FIRST CABINET MEETING.

NOW-FEELING FIT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, January 13.

M. Herriot, the Premier, for the first time since his illness attended a Cabinet meeting, at which M. Clement made a statement on the progress of the Finance Conference.

M. Herriot, who is now very fit, subsequently attended the Chamber of Deputies.

**U.S. POLITICS.**

AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, January 13.

From White House there is no official statement that there is no substance in the reports that the change in the Secretaryship of State will lead to a modification of Mr. Hughes's foreign policy.

**CHINA'S WARS.**

SHANGHAI SITUATION EASIER.

(Courtesy Daily Bulletin.)

Shanghai, January 13.

The situation was considerably eased to-day when about 2,000 men, constituting the remainder of Chang Yuen-ming's army, surrendered their arms to the foreign authorities, and were allowed to enter the French Settlement.

Practically the whole of Chang Yuen-ming's army, with a few of Chen Lo-shan's men, totalling about 8,000, are now interned in two detention camps in the French Settlement.

**TOKYO FIRE.**

ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL DESTROYED.

ALL PATIENTS SAFE.

(Courtesy "Daily Bulletin.")

Tokyo, January 13.

St. Luke's International Hospital was totally destroyed by fire, the cause of which is unknown, including the records and stores.

As far as can be ascertained there were no casualties. The building was a temporary structure.

A strong wind was blowing at the time. It is understood that there were 120 patients, including a few foreigners, who were safely removed to an open space behind the hospital.

The Marines and staff of the Paymasters' College in the neighbourhood assisted the firemen. Dr. Teusler, head of the Hospital, is now returning from America.

Later.

Two small isolation wards of the hospital escaped the flames. All the patients, totalling 130, including five foreigners, are safe.

The original building, which was destroyed by fire in September, 1923, after which the hospital was operated for some months in army tent-shelters while temporary quarters were being erected, and which was completed in September, 1924, is now completely gutted.

**FRENCH CHAMBER.**

PAINLEVE RE-ELECTED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, January 13.

M. Painleve has been re-elected President of the Chamber of Deputies by 313 votes to 24. The Opposition abstained from voting.

**IRISH FREE STATE.**

STRENGTH OF THE ARMY.

(Reuter's Service.)

Dublin, January 13.

An official statement gives the strength of the Free State Army as 15,703, showing that 40,000 officers and men have been demobilised in eighteen months.

**MISSING SHIPS.**

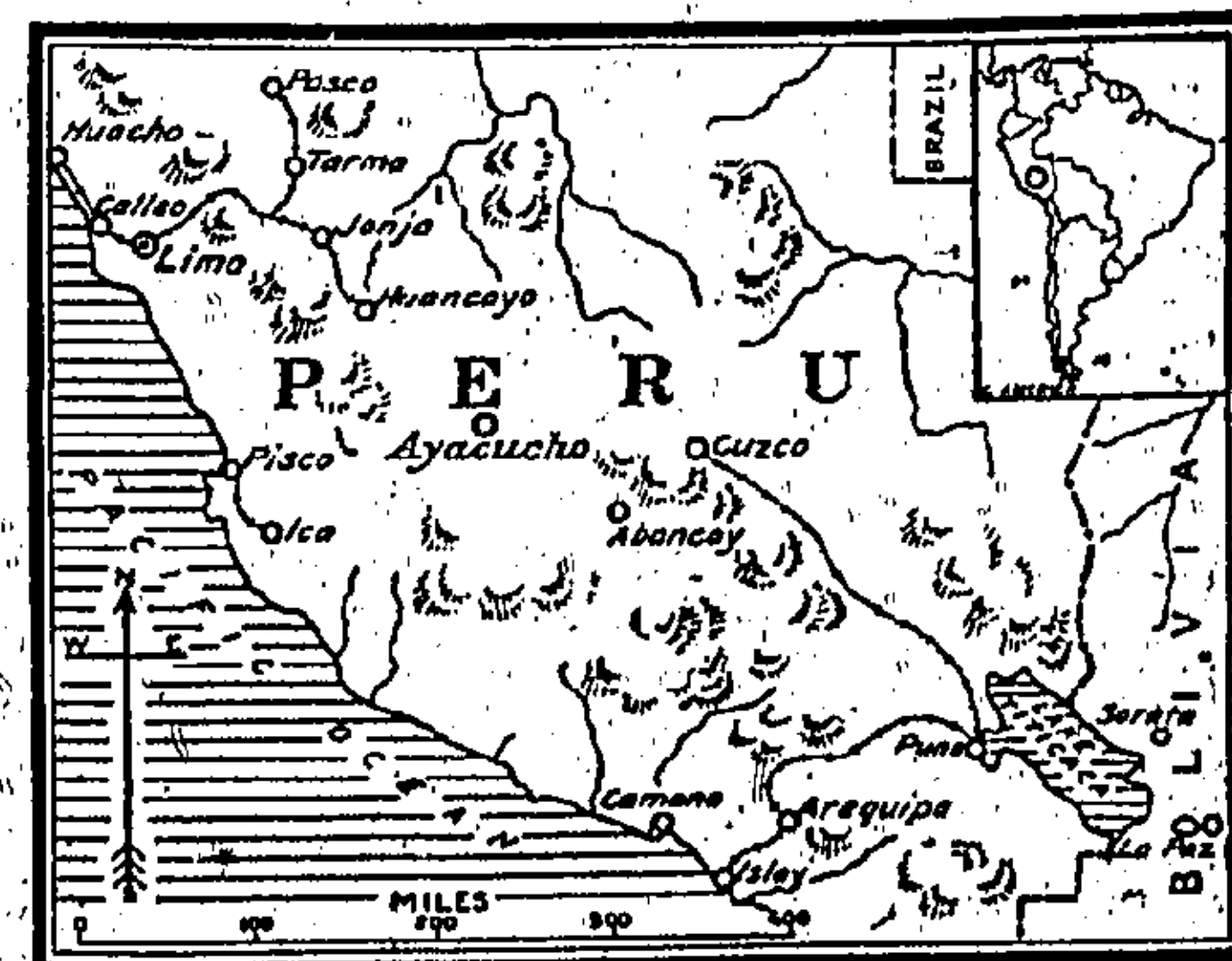
FIVE IN THREE MONTHS.

The fact that five ships of various nations were reported as missing in three months is recorded in the returns of ships totally lost, condemned, etc., during the quarter ended June 30 of this year, as reported up to October 30, issued by Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

Of these Great Britain and Ireland had one, under the category of steamers and motorships, and France and Japan one each of the same class of ship. One sailing ship of the British Dominions and one from Germany were likewise reported as missing.

In the table dealing with steamers and motorships it is shown that Great Britain lost 13, the British Dominions 9, the United States 5, France and Norway 4 each, Japan 7, Germany and Italy 3 each, and Greece, Spain and Denmark 1 each. The total lost under this heading was 57, with a total tonnage of 95,205.

Under the heading of sailing ships lost, etc., the United States top the list with 7, Great Britain and Ireland had only 1, the British Dominions and France 4 each, and Germany 3. The total was 23, representing 20,847 tons.

**BATTLE CENTENARY.**

PERU HOLDS CELEBRATION.—On December 9 Peru celebrated the centennial of the Battle of Ayacucho. The battle marked the end of Spanish power in the New World, and the date is looked upon as one of the greatest in the history of South America.

**ROBBERS BEWARE!**

THE CASE OF EVERETT V. WILLIAMS.

AUDACIOUS HIGHWAYMEN.

The daring methods employed by smugglers and robbers in the neighbourhood of Hongkong is often the subject of comment but none of them has risen to such heights of audacity as two highwaymen, particulars of whose cases have been sent to the "China Mail" by Mr. W. B. Hind, of G.K. Hall Brutton and Co., who thought they would be of interest to readers.

The suit, which was instituted by one highwayman against another for an account of their plunder and is known as Everett V. Williams, has been cited by Mr. Hind himself in the Hongkong Courts in support of the contention that accounts cannot be claimed in regard to illegal partnerships.

The bill stated that the plaintiff was "skilled in dealing in several commodities, such as plate, rings, watches, etc., that the defendant applied to him to become a partner; that they entered into partnership, and it was agreed that they should equally provide all sorts of necessities, such as horses, saddles, bridles and that they proceeded jointly in the said business with good success on Rounslow Heath, where they dealt with a gentleman for a gold watch! Understanding that Middlesex was a good place to deal in and that commodities were very plentiful at Finchley they made a move there and dealt with several gentlemen for divers watches, rings, swords, canes, hats, cloaks, horses, bridles, saddles and other things!"

When other particulars were given in court as to these questionable dealings, it hardly remains to be said that the case was dismissed with costs, to be paid by the counsel who so far descended from grace as to accept the briefs. The plaintiff and defendant were, it is said, both hanged, and one of the solicitors for the plaintiff transported for life.

**PASSENGERS.**

ARRIVALS.

Per C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" on January 14.—Dr. G. Bryson, Mr. L. E. Dumas, Miss S. G. Farrar, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hart, Mr. E. Hosper, Mrs. M. E. Judd, Mr. G. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Stanle, Mr. H. Smith, Mr. L. Yates, Mrs. de A. Tan Castro, Mr. L. Chataonal, Mr. R. Cuevas, Mrs. T. H. Charter, Miss A. E. T. Charter, Miss E. M. Charter, Miss L. K. Chaner, Mr. N. P. Dam, Mrs. N. T. T. Dam, Miss M. Fleming, Mr. E. J. Haber, Dr. A. Marasigan, Mr. Ong Tin Tong, Mr. Ong Guan Tong, Mr. Quar Hee, Mr. J. V. del Rosario, Mr. Richard Reynolds, Miss M. Reynolds, Miss J. P. Ryan, Miss C. Salvador, Mrs. F. V. de Salvador, Miss A. M. Tompkins, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Blaisdell, Mr. M. Barrios, Miss F. Flores, Mr. M. Galos, Mr. Jew Wan, Mr. and Mrs. R. Lore, Miss C. Lore, Messrs B. C. Madamba, Ng Kee, I. Oliva, A. Pascua, Quan King-at and I. Sebab.

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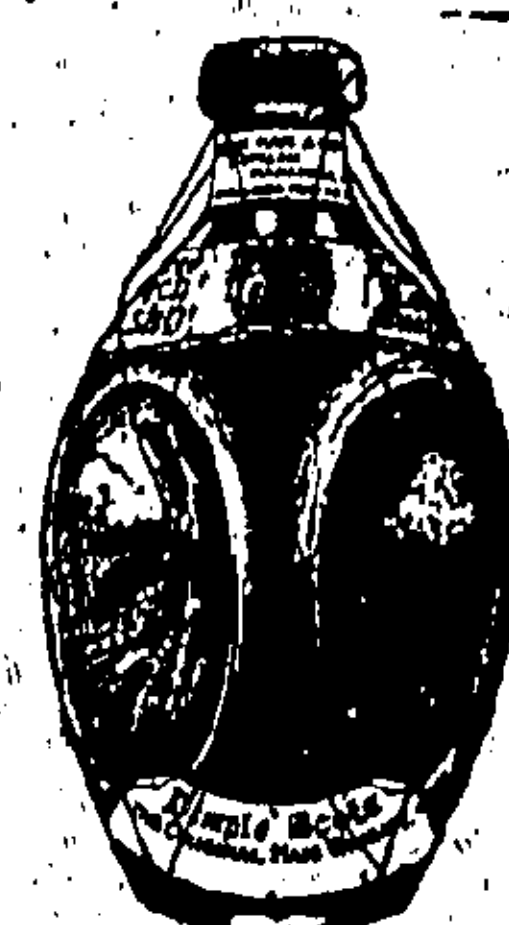
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## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A dance will be held at the Craigengower Cricket Club on Saturday night, January 17.

There will be a musicale at the Helena May Institute for Members and their friends on Thursday, January 22nd, at 4.30 p.m. Tickets should be booked in advance, 50 cents each, obtainable from the Secretary.

At yesterday's committee meeting of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, it was mentioned that the Chamber had written to the Captain Superintendent of Police for an extension of hours for cigarette hawkers to 11 o'clock at night instead of 10 o'clock as at present. A reply is expected in a few days.

The "China Mail" has received a number of artistic Chinese calendars from Messrs. W. G. Humphreys & Co., announcing their Sperry hours and breakfast foods.

The staff of the Canton Municipal Hospital went on strike, but are now back at work owing to the intervention of the Commissioner of Public Health, according to the "Canton Gazette." The strike is said to have been called as a demonstration to demand payment for arrears of salary.

It is understood that the scheme for extending the Hongkong Hotel will not be proceeded with yet, and that the ground floor of the newly acquired building, which was formerly occupied by the Alexandra Café, will shortly be available for rent. The first and second floors are being used as the administrative and clerical offices of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd., and allied companies.

The estimates for 1925 provide for material increases in the Hongkong Police Force. The increase, sanctioned on account of the constantly-increasing population, with its attendant increase in crime, comprises 10 Europeans, 60 Indians and 140 Chinese and will bring the total effective strength of the Force to 1,625. A new Superintendent, Mr. Scott, has been appointed.

The Bible Study Circle at the Helena May Institute will be conducted by Mrs. H. L. Clift on Friday, at 10.30 a.m. The meeting is open to all women.

Newer and bigger tramcars for the Peak are foreshadowed by the invitation of tenders, by the Peak Tramway company. This, it is thought, will cope with any congestion which takes place at the busy hours of the day.

The P. and O. mail boat Kalsar-Hind arrived at Tilbury on December 26 after a record voyage from Bombay. Her new time from Gibraltar to Plymouth is 61 hrs. 17 mins.

A correspondent writes to the North Borneo "Herald":—I killed a small green snake with a peculiar heart-shaped head and with white bars across its back, which was hanging in a crevice on the wall of my house. This is said to be one of the most deadly snakes in the country and is, I believe, of the same kind that bit Mr. Dale some years ago at Sandakan, with very nearly fatal results. This snake has a habit of suspending itself in low bushes or creepers where, if startled, it strikes at whoever is passing by. I was quite near it before it was seen by my wife, shortly before some painters had been working at the spot.

A motoring accident which might easily have had serious consequences occurred a fortnight ago on the Kuala Lumpur road, one mile from Klang. It appears Mr. Langworthy, O.C.P.D. Kuala Lumpur, was returning from Klang with Mr. Teswill in a down-pour of rain when he saw another car approaching. On taking a curve Mr. Langworthy's car skidded. He got the car under control however, but almost immediately it skidded again and went down the side of the road, completely turning turtle and pinning the occupants underneath. Mr. Hussey, O.C.P.D. Klang, who was returning to his station saw the accident and at once went to their assistance. Fortunately none of the occupants of the car was injured seriously.

One case of enteric fever Chinese, was notified yesterday.

Li Ching-lin has informed the Ministry of Communications that he has appointed a detachment of soldiers and gendarmes to protect the trains between Peking and Tientsin, states a "Daily Bulletin" cable from Peking.

According to a "Daily Bulletin" cable from Peking, a Chihling Mandate instructs the Ministers of Interior, Finance and Commerce to institute measures to prohibit so-called prize bonds.

An Indian anti-piracy guard of the river steamer "Anjou" was cautioned at the Marine Court yesterday, for being absent from his ship at Wuchow on January 6. He missed the ship because it sailed earlier than usual.

In an armed robbery committed yesterday afternoon, two women inmates of No. 8, Woosung Street, Yaumati, were decoyed to an unnumbered house and there deprived of their personal property amounting to \$217. Two men were concerned, one of whom had a revolver. The Police arrested both the men a little later, and most of the property was recovered.

Mr. W. H. Mallory of the International Famine Relief Commission in Peking has outlined the method adopted to meet the situation resulting from the recent floods in North China. Co-operation of all Chinese relief agencies has been effected in order that duplication of effort may be avoided. The American Red Cross has undertaken to deal with situations requiring immediate attention, while the International Famine Relief Commission has assumed the task of feeding the population in areas which will be without food until the next harvest. In the flooded areas of the Province of Chihli the autumn crop has been entirely destroyed and the rate of run-off of the water is so slow that the planting of winter wheat is impossible. This means that these people will not have another crop until the autumn of 1925.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. H. Ashworth Hope, of Ipoh, has left for Europe. He goes to Switzerland.

Dr. J. B. Fearn, manager of the General Hospital, Shanghai, has departed on a trip around the world, expecting to return to Shanghai in about six or seven months.

The wedding has taken place at Home of Mr. W. E. Speers, Commissioner of Police, Kedah, and Meta, only daughter of Captain and Mrs. McKinty, Correen, Prince's Gardens, Larne.

Mr. F. W. Barrow, who has already paid one visit to Borneo to advise upon the railway, recently arrived from home on his second visit. He preceded the Hon. Mounstuart Biphinstone, managing director of the Chartered Company, by three weeks or so.

At a masonic installation at Negri Sembilan Lodge, Seremban, when Mr. A. B. Cross was installed Master for the ensuing year, over a hundred masons from all districts were present, including Sir Malcolm Watson, D.G.M., Middle-East, Scottish Constitution. The installation was followed by a banquet.

The engagement is announced of Miss Janet Warren of Tokyo and Mr. Joseph Titcomb Chairman of Kennebunkport, Maine. Mr. Chairman expects to arrive at Tokyo from the States in early February when the marriage will take place. A honeymoon trip in Japan, to Honolulu, and through the Panama Canal is planned, after which they will make their home in Andover, Mass.

The death at the age of 72 is announced of Captain Frederick Ludwig Sommer, in his native town of Rønne, Denmark. The late Captain Sommer was born on June 2, 1851. He joined the Nippon Yusen Kaisha in 1885 as chief officer, was given command of a ship two years later, and was successively in command of the "Hiroshima Maru," "Hyogo Maru," "Sakuma Maru," "Mikio Maru," "Takasago Maru," "Nagato Maru," "Kumamoto Maru," "Omi Maru," "Tenshin Maru," "Hakata Maru," "Kumano Maru," "Bingo Maru," "Kamo Maru," and "Mishima Maru." He retired from the service on August 23, 1917, but lived in Yokohama until 1922, when he left for Europe. Captain Sommer held the Meritorious Service medal of the N.Y.K. and the Fourth Class Order of the Sacred Treasure.

Mr. A. G. Macdonald, Assistant Warden of Mines, Perak, has been appointed to act as Warden of Mines, Perak.

Mr. Raper, Assistant District Officer, Teluk Anson, is going home shortly on sick leave. Mrs. Raper is accompanying her husband.

The "Morning Post" says it is believed that Baron Hayashi will retire shortly and return to Japan. Viscount Ishii and Baron Matsui are mentioned as possible successors, says a Reuter's cablegram.

Mr. Houghton, the American Ambassador at Berlin, has indicated his willingness to accept the Ambassadorship in London in succession to Mr. Kellogg, states a Reuter's message from Washington.

Mr. August Belmont, whose death was recently announced, was the millionaire owner of Tracery and Zev. He was head of the New York banking firm of August Belmont and Co.

Mr. F. Bolton, of Sir W. G. Armstrong Whitworth and Co., Ltd., who has been exploring the possibilities of hydro-electric power in the Perak river under the concession granted to the company by the F.M.S. Government, left for home from Penang on January 4.

Mr. Hughes, asked whether his resignation from the office of Secretary of State of the United States foreshadowed an intention on his part to become a candidate for the Presidency four years hence, indicated that he had no further political ambitions. He stated that he desired to devote his time to professional work and would resume his law practice after a short holiday, states a Reuter's cablegram from Atlanta.

The Archbishop of Canton, the Rt. Rev. Metel, was given a reception at the residence of Towkay Kok Cheong-sun and Mrs. Kok Cheong-sun, Pudu, Federated Malay States. The Rev. Father LeMaher, of the Church of St. Anthony, Robertson-road, accompanied his lordship, who later fulfilled other engagements. A dinner party was held in the evening.

Mr. C. H. G. Clarke has been appointed to officiate as Second Magistrate, Singapore.

Lady Rycroft, wife of the Governor of British North Borneo, was a passenger to Singapore by the s.s. "Morea."

The death is announced at the age of 97 of Dr. George Downing Living, President of St. John's College, Cambridge.

The death has occurred of Mr. Eric Chapman at the age of 60 years. He was formerly manager at Colombo of the Madura Company.

Comte Martel, the new French Minister to China, arrived in Shanghai with his family on Sunday. The party will leave for Peking tomorrow.

The wedding took place in Sourabaya on November 29, of Miss Carla Hedemann, daughter of Lieutenant Colonel Hedemann of Copenhagen, and Mr. H. Chester Walsh, British Vice-Consul, Sourabaya.

Mr. Floyd Gibbons, a well-known American journalist, formerly managing editor of the "Chicago Tribune," and now special correspondent for the paper, has arrived in Singapore from Australia.

The marriage took place at St. Mary's Church, Kuala Lumpur, a fortnight ago, the Rev. B. C. Roberts officiating, of Mr. John Douglas Dalley, of the F.M.S. Police and Miss Margaret Capel Layard, sister-in-law of Mr. G. A. De Moubay, of the F.M.S. Civil Service.

Among the passengers on the P. & O. "Morea" were Dr. and Mrs. Robert Liddell of the London Missionary Society who are on their way to China. During their short stay in Singapore they were the guests of Dr. Lim Han Hoe. Dr. Liddell is the brother of the British Olympic Champion, Eric Liddell, who is now at Edinburgh University.

The Rev. Mr. D. G. M. Leith, of the Wesleyan Mission, was drowned in the sea at Egnore, a suburb of Madras, on December 27. The deceased, Mrs. Leith and children and a party of friends went to bathe in the lagoon. Suddenly the Rev. Mr. Leith was swept into a deep whirlpool. He did not know how to swim and disappeared. An immediate search was made and Miss Horwood found the body in shallow water.

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## OPIUM CONFERENCE.

SIR JORN JORDAN'S VISION.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, January 13. Sir Jorn Jordan, in a letter to the "Times," expresses the opinion that one way in which the Powers can properly show a sympathetic attitude towards China is with reference to opium suppression. He presumes that the Conference re-assembling at Geneva on January 19 will revise the abortive arrangement reached at the first Conference with regard to prepared opium. The worst flaw of that agreement was that it left China entirely out of the picture and only tended to stabilise the existing state of things in the Far East possessions of the Powers. This was especially unfair to Britain and China, as it ignored the splendid work they had done in common during the ten years of opium suppression in China and closed the door to further co-operation of the kind.

China was the *font et origo* of the whole opium movement and Chinese action is still the governing factor in the Far Eastern situation. Any new arrangement should include China and make her jointly responsible with the Powers for the successful solution of the problem. The American proposals for a ten year limit may require to be considerably amplified and made more elastic so as to admit of a reduction by graduated stages *part passu* with the progress of future suppression in China.

Sir John Jordan concludes by saying these suggestions may seem visionary, but so were the British and Chinese proposals in 1907, which produced almost unparalleled results and for which the Chinese Government and people never ceased to express deep gratitude to Britain.

## AN ULTIMATUM.

BRITISH RAILWAYMEN'S ACTION.

NO RESERVE UNITS.

London, January 13. Twenty thousand railwaymen were represented at a meeting at Chester yesterday evening, when a resolution was passed demanding the railway companies to withdraw within twenty-four hours, the "und taking" to raise technical units for a regular army of supplementary reserve, which, according to the secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, would be liable to be called out to aid civil power, thus endangering the railwaymen in an industrial dispute with the Railway Companies Association.

Meanwhile the secretary ridicules the suggestion that the corps should be used for strike-breaking.

"The order to establish a reserve army of technical craftmen was issued by the Labour Government, and signed by the late Member of the Cabinet, Mr. Walsh," Reuter.

## ALLEGED BRIBERY.

EN-GOVERNOR CHARGED.

Topoka (Kansas), January 13. Governor Davis, whose term of office expired last month, appeared in Court to answer a warrant charging him and his son, Russell Davis, with accepting \$1,250 dollars for the pardon of a banker convicted of forgery, to whom the Governor granted a pardon.

Governor Davis denied any connection with the transaction and declared that his son was deceived by political enemies. Davis was a candidate for nomination to the Democratic Convention last year. Reuter.

## CHINESE POLITICS.

TITLE FOR LIAO YUNG-HSIANG.

Peking, January 13. The Cabinet to-day has been debating the question whether Marshal Liao Yung-hsiang shall be appointed Tapan of Kiangsu, which is contemplated in order to give him a military position compatible with hostilities against General Chi Hsi-chuan.

It is understood some of the Cabinet Ministers are opposed to this appointment on the ground that it will conflict with the provisional Government's avowed policy. Official circles to-day are most reticent regarding the Shanghai situation, with the public—more uneasy as regards the danger of hostilities spreading.—Reuter.

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## "ROSITA"—A TRIUMPH.

CROWDED HOUSES AT THE CORONET.

"A new Mary Pickford," said the cinema critics of America when they first saw the private view of "Rosita." And yet she has lost none of the charm that has earned for her the name of "Queen of the Screen."

It may be true that "Rosita" unfolds a new Mary Pickford; but this is true only inasmuch as it presents that popular young lady in a rôle entirely different from the average one that helped to enshrine her in the popular imagination. Nor does "Rosita" tend in the slightest degree to mar or diminish that popularity. In fact, even the foremost critics—who are paid for writing the truth, whether that be appreciated or otherwise by film companies and film directors—are unanimous that never has Mary Pickford been seen to better advantage than in this thrilling picture and story of old Spain. As the ragged street maiden; as the replica of Cinderella; and as the maiden beyond reproach she carries the audience with her, each and all ready to applaud her latest work as the finest and most skilful they have seen from Mary Pickford.

Nothing is to be gained by praising a picture just because Mary Pickford takes the principal rôle—were it possible for her name to be erased from the posters and newspaper advertisements and were it possible for her identity to be disguised, "Rosita" would still be regarded as a picture among pictures.

"Rosita" will be shown at the Coronet this evening and from tomorrow till Saturday it may be seen at the Star, in Kowloon. There are no increases in the prices of admission to see this expensive picture.

## PICTURE POINTS.

FROM "THE YELLOW STAIN" AT THE STAR.

Last night of "The Yellow Stain" at the Star to-night. One of the best Fox productions seen for a long time.

The popular idol of the screen, John Gilbert, takes an unusually striking rôle. He sets up "on his own," as a lawyer in a village in the timber country, but finds more battles than briefs.

The town is ruled unmercifully by a bully and tyrant, unscrupulous to a degree, who gloats over the number of men he has brought to ruin. The hero might have made thousands had he consented to be retained as the tyrant's lawyer, but he refused—at the point of his foot.

Donald Keith (John Gilbert) gets a rude and sudden notice to quit, and is informed that the train will be ready in ten minutes. See the reel in which Donald tries to reform the village drunkard—once the richest man of the town, but reduced to the gutter by the town's bully.

Add see the part depicting the blowing up of a dam, which prevented many million feet of lumber getting to the market. Then sit enthralled with the trial of the villain of the piece, the evidence of whose guilt is such that even a crook judge must pass sentence.

Finally, stay to the end of the picture and see the meeting of Donald and his sweetheart, the daughter of the tyrant's right-hand man.

Truly, a picture worth going to the Star Theatre to-night to see.

## QUEEN'S THEATRE.

"WITHIN THE LAW."

Last Showings To-day.

Jack Mulhall, a star in his own right, plays opposite Norma Talmadge in "Within The Law." His work is of the finest calibre that he is of the most sought after juveniles in motion pictures. "Within The Law" was first produced as a stage play by the Selwyns in 1912 at the Eltinge Theatre in New York, and nine companies were sent on the road. The play grossed five million dollars and royalties alone were over seven hundred thousand dollars. The screen version of this play, prepared by Frances Marion, is expected to be one of the outstanding hits for 1925. This super-production by First National Pictures is showing for the last time in the Queen's Theatre to-day at 5.15 and 9.15 p.m. performances and it's a picture not to be missed.

## ELLIS KADOORIE SCHOOL FOR INDIANS.

ANNUAL PRIZE DAY.

SIR CLAUD SEVERN PRESIDES.

The Ellis Kadoorie School for Indians at Sookumpo was on fete this forenoon, the occasion being the annual distribution of prizes to the students.

Sir Claud Severn presided and distributed the prizes. There were also present Mr. E. Ralphs (Inspector of English Schools) and a number of parents and well-wishers of the school.

The following interesting report was read by Mr. A. R. Sutherland, the head-master.

Attendance.—During the year which ended on 30th November, 1924, the school was opened 223 times as compared with 205 times for the eleven months of the previous school year. The maximum enrolment decreased from 101 to 98, the average attendance from 94.18 last year to 90.5 this year.

The Staff.—Mr. Hardit Singh went on leave to India on October 8, and Mr. Tam Tak-pui took his place as a temporary master.

Building.—During the summer vacation the school building was completely overhauled and painted by the P.W.D. flush system closets were completed in March. Discipline.—Discipline continues to be good both in school and in the playgrounds. The prefects have been of great assistance.

Studies.—At the annual examination 10 boys in Class 4 passed out of 12 examined. 70 out of 74 of the rest of the classes passed, 8 boys in 8B were not examined as they were still learning the alphabet.

Reading, colloquial, and recitation are good throughout the school. Dictation is much better. All written work is improving. Arithmetic is fair. Grammar is not good.

Urdu reading and writing are good. Urdu colloquial is improving.

Games.—Every boy in the school plays game. Cricket, football in winter and tennis and ping pong in the hot weather and on rainy days. Playing these games in the healthy atmosphere of the school playgrounds does much to keep up the high standard of health that these boys enjoy.

Our annual school sports were held on March 27. The prizes were distributed by our old friend Mr. U. R. Munniah. Our thanks are due to the Indian Recreation Club for the use of their ground and the gentlemen who very generously subscribed towards the prizes. (The Wing On Co. and The Sun Co. presented cups.) Mr. A. Hyder, an old pupil, presented a gold medal for the Champion Athlete of the year. This was won by Nur Ahmed.

Garden.—The garden suffered very heavily during the summer rains and at one time was completely covered with about 2½ feet of sand which was washed down from the hill side. This was cleared away by the P.W.D. in October so that we are just beginning to get the garden in order again. The pupils still continue to take great interest in it.

Conclusion.—During the year we had a visit from Mr. Kadoorie, a brother of the late Sir Ellis Kadoorie. He very kindly presented us with the framed enlargement of his brother's photograph which now hangs on the wall and also 2 challenge cups to be competed for yearly. At present in this school 32 boys receive free education apart from 4 Government scholars. This is due to the generosity of the late Sir Ellis Kadoorie. Mr. Rummiah, Mr. Nemaze and Mr. Arculli, to whom our thanks are due. We have to thank Mr. Cassim Ahmed for his yearly donation of \$15 towards school prizes.

I have to thank the whole staff for their loyal co-operation throughout the year. Now I wish to convey the thanks of the whole school to Sir Claud Severn who has again honoured us with his presence and who has always shown a keen interest in the school.

Sir Claud Severn, in a brief speech, expressed his pleasure at having been called upon to distribute the prizes. He was glad to see that the garden, which had suffered so much from sand washed down the hill side during the summer rains, had improved. With the building of new bungalows and opening of roads on the hill side, a certain amount of wash was inevitable. He was also pleased to learn that the discipline of the school was good, and that the boys were doing well in their games. With the opening of the new Queen's College on the other side of Sookumpo Valley, the site for which was now being prepared, he hoped the boys will look forward with great interest to the time when they will be able to pass out of the present school to the new one. Reference was made to the sad death of Mr. Mahmood Bin Sufiad, who had three of his sons in the school.

## SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

January 14.—Coronet Theatre: "Rosita."

January 14.—Star Theatre: "The Yellow Stain."

January 14.—Queen's Theatre: "Within The Law."

January 14.—World Theatre: "The Demi-Virgins."

January 14.—Hongkong A.D.C.'s production, "St. Joan," 4.30 p.m.

January 15, 16, and 17.—Hongkong A.D.C.'s production, "St. Joan," 9 p.m.

January 16.—Bible Study, Circle at Helena May Institute, 10.30 a.m.

January 17.—Dance at Craig-gower Club.

January 22.—Musical at Helena May Institute, 4.30 p.m.

January 23.—Fancy Dress Ball in the Grill Room, Hongkong Hotel, 8 p.m. to midnight.

January 31.—Hongkong Boxing Association, tournament in City Hall.

February 16-17-18-21.—Hongkong Jockey Club Annual Race Meetings.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS. January 15.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Room, miscellaneous goods, 11 a.m.

January 16.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Room, postage stamps, 5.15 p.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS. January 17.—First ordinary meeting of the Hongkong Development, Building and Savings Society, Ltd., at the City Hall, Hall, noon.

February 2.—Twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Star Ferry Co., at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's, at noon.

OTHER MEETINGS. January 14.—Lecture on "Memory" at the H.K. Lodge The Theosophical Society, 16, Queen's Road Central, 5.45 p.m.

January 22.—Extraordinary general meeting of the H.K. Jockey Club, H.K. Club annex, 5.30 p.m.

January 30.—Annual meeting of shareholders and subscribers of St. John's Cathedral, in the Cathedral Hall, 5.45 p.m.

OUTRAGE NEAR BOMBAY.

SEQUEL TO KIDNAPPING ROMANCE.

(Reuter's Service.)

BOMBAY, January 13. The Pathan menace is causing apprehension. An outrage, the motive of which is unknown, was perpetrated in the Malabar Hill residential quarter yesterday evening, when a gang attacked a motor car, containing Abdul Kadir, a wealthy citizen and a Mohammedan member of the Bombay Corporation, who was accompanied by a lady and his British manager.

The firing attracted four British officers who rushed to the rescue. A lieutenant, although badly wounded, captured one of the assailants, while another, shooting off a revolver indiscriminately, to prevent pursuit, escaped.

Abdul Kadir and the lady, who were seriously wounded, died of their wounds. The lieutenant and the British manager were admitted to hospital suffering from revolver and knife wounds.

THE WOMAN.

BOMBAY, later. The object of yesterday's outrage appears to have been the abduction of the woman, who was named Mumtaz Begum. She originally was attached to the Maharajah of Indore's Durbar, came to Bombay, met Abdul Kadir, and refused offers to return to Indore.

The prizes were then distributed by Sir Claud Severn, who received three rounds of cheers at the close. The prize-winners were:—

Class 4.—Mr. Rummiah Abbas, Dux of School, Composition Prize, Government Scholarship in Queen's College; Haroon Hoosen, 2nd in class, Ellis Kadoorie Scholarship, 1st in Urdu Class II; Teja Singh, 1st in Urdu Class I.

Class 5.—Harban Singh, 1st in class, Composition Prize, Government Scholarship for 1 year; Ali Ahmed, Writing.

Class 6.—For Dill, 1st in class, Writing; A. M. Rummiah, Composition; Gucharan Singh, Urdu Class III.

Class 7.—Ikbal Singh, 1st in class, Composition Prize; S. M. Rummiah, Writing; Mohd. Sheriff, Urdu.

Class 8A.—Majid Rahman, 1st in class, Composition Prize; Omar Hoosen, Writing; Man Singh, Urdu.

Class 8B.—A. Karamat, 1st in class; M. Wahid, 2nd in class; A. Mannan Abbas, Urdu.

## SEARCHING NATIVES.

SENSIBLE IDEA FROM CHINESE.

EUROPEAN CONTROL.

At yesterday's monthly meeting of the Committee of the Hongkong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, a resolution was passed to the effect that the Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-son and the Hon. Mr. E. H. Kotewall, the Chinese Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council, be requested to approach the Government in connection with the present wholesale searching of natives in the streets as part of the campaign to prevent China New Year crime.

Mr. Ho Lu drew attention to the fact that Chinese detectives are apt to take rather high-handed action, at times, especially when dealing with compatriots and that in the interests of the community, all search parties should be under the control of a European officer as proof of the plain-clothes searchers' bona fides.

Mr. Ho mentioned an incident outside his shop in Queen's Street, in which a shroff, naturally loaded up with money at this time of the year, doubted the detective's authority, and a misunderstanding arose. Addressing the Chamber's committee, Mr. Ho said that the public could not differentiate between a bogus search party and a posse of Chinese detectives. With such large sums being carried about at this time of the year, there was added inducement to bad characters to pose as searchers and hold up shroffs. Accordingly, he made the suggestion outlined.

The resolution was passed unanimously and the Chinese representatives on the Legislative Council will be asked to communicate with the Government.

## WHO'S WHO.

CHINA COAST SHIPPING CHANGES.

LATEST "GAZETTE."

Latest changes in China Coast shipping personnel, as announced in the current issue of "Shipping and Engineering," are as follow:—

Captain J. Gibbs, of "Szechuen," is on leave.

Captain J. Clark, from reserve, has gone master, "Szechuen."

Mr. J. A. C. Madge, second officer, "Pakhlo," has resigned.

Mr. J. M. Kinlay, second officer, "Chihli," has gone second officer, "Pakhlo."

Mr. C. L. Tibbun, second engineer, "Whangpu," has gone second engineer, "Shansi."

Mr. W. Sharp, second engineer, "Shansi," has gone second engineer, "Whangpu."

Mr. C. Gray, second engineer, "Fengtien," has gone second engineer, "Chinkiang."

Mr. R. D. Thompson, from reserve, has gone second engineer, "Fengtien."

Captain T. M. Meyrick, of the "Kingsing," is on leave.

Captain E. V. Bishop, from reserve, has gone master, "Kingsing."

Captain D. Christie, of the "Kutwo," has gone master, "Kungwo."

Mr. J. H. Smith, chief officer, "Changwo," has gone master, "Kutwo."

Mr. J. W. Whyte, third engineer, "Tuckwo," has resigned.

Mr. J. Fry, from reserve, has gone third engineer, "Tuckwo."

Mr. D. Summers, second officer, "Kingsing," has resigned.

## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

KOWLOON GOLF CLUB.

Opening of the Course by H. E. The Governor and H. E. The General Officer Commanding on 18th Jan. 1925 at 3 p.m.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made to convey guests by a special motor bus leaving Tsimshatsui at 2.15 p.m. for Kowloon City, where rickshaws will be available in the event of anyone being unable to travel by above, the regular buses, etc. will be met by rickshaws at Kowloon City.

WM. PATERSON, Hon. Secretary.

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## TO-DAY'S NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT &amp; AGENCY COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on TUESDAY, 10th FEBRUARY, 1925, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1924.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, 23rd January, to Tuesday, 10th February, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, L. S. GREENHILL, Secretary.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1925.

THE HONGKONG, CANTON &amp; MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 4a, Des Voeux Road, on THURSDAY, 19th February, 1925, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Thursday 5th February, to Thursday 19th February, 1925, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, JOHN ARNOLD, Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th January 1925.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE Directors of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation announce that, subject to audit, the Dividend and Bonus for the Half Year ending 31st December 1924 will be:—

Dividend £3 per share. Bonus in addition to dividend £2 per share.

Add to Silver Reserve Fund \$1,000,000. Write off Bank Premises \$1,000,000.

Carry forward to next year about \$3,390,000. Hongkong, 13th January, 1925.

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A nervous hacking cough cannot be cured by a glass of water, but it will disappear under the healing and soothing effect of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Every user is a friend. It is for sale everywhere.

By Order of the Committee, A. NISSIM, Secretary.

Hongkong, 28th November, 1924.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

THE following are members of the above Exchange:

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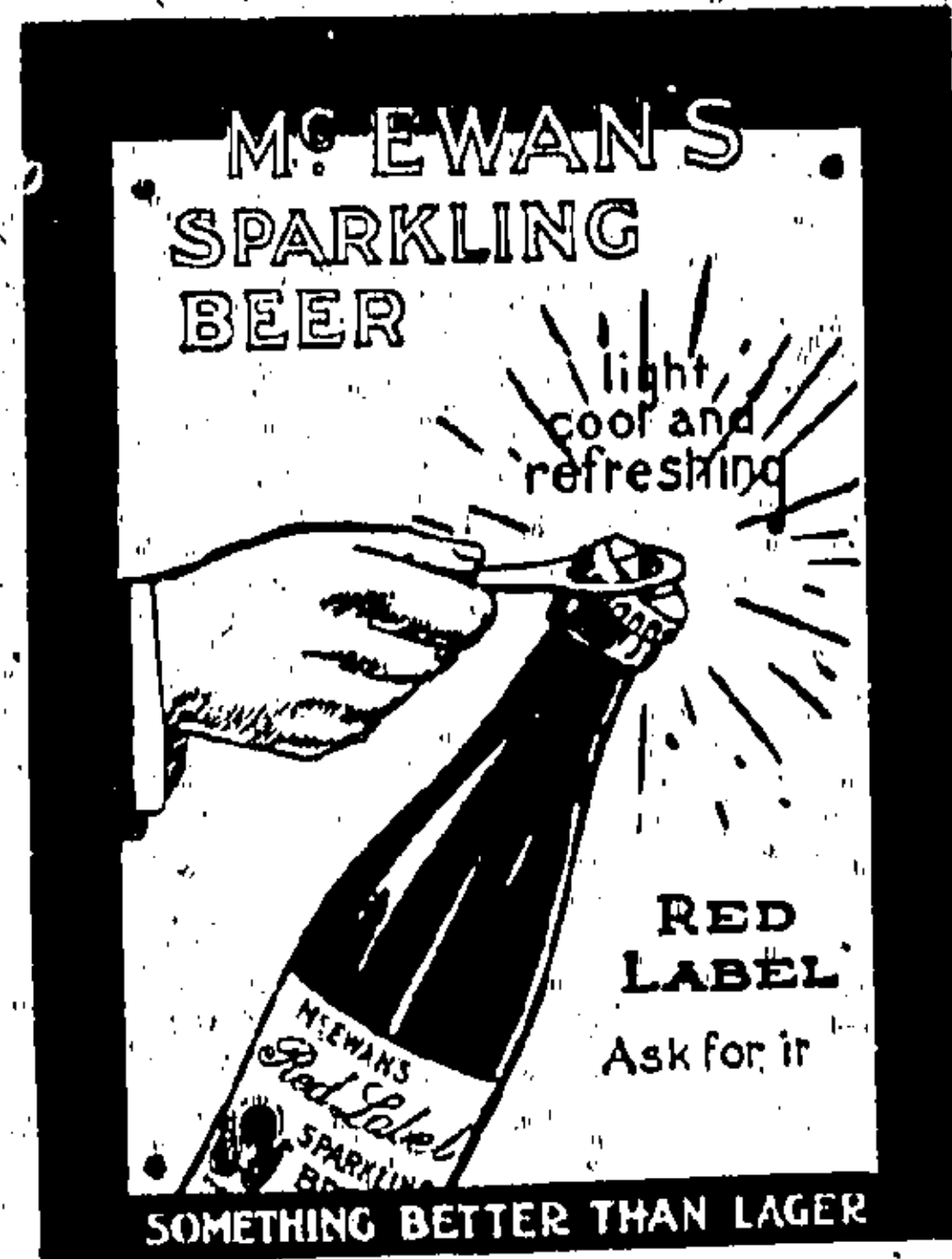
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### MEMORIAL FOR "MA" FERGUSON'S HOME



Miss Waidine Tauch, youthful sculptor, is shown here working on the small model for the proposed war memorial to be erected in Temple, Texas, the home town of Governor "Ma" Ferguson.

### Envoy To Britain?



POST WHEELER

Post Wheeler, for years Counselor of the American Legation in London, is being mentioned in diplomatic circles as the next American Ambassador to the Court of St. James.

### MRS. COOLIDGE'S COLLEGE DEGREE.



MRS. CALVIN COOLIDGE & PRESIDENT MURKIN

Mrs. Calvin Coolidge, wife of the United States President, is shown here in cap and gown with Mr. Murrin, President of Boston College, who conferred upon her an honorary LL.D. degree in the old South Church in Boston.

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### Ireland's Prosperity.



TIMOTHY A. SMIDDY

Professor Timothy A. Smiddy, Minister to Washington from the Irish Free State, declared he foresaw a great era of prosperity for the Irish, when he returned from a visit to his homeland.

### BOXER BEING TRIED FOR HIS LIFE.



NORMAN SELBY & MRS. JENNIE THOMAS. KID MCCOY LOCKETT

Norman Selby, the famous Kid McCoy of prize ring days, is fighting his greatest battle, this time for his life, in a Los Angeles court, where he is on trial for the murder of Mrs. Teresa Moss, his sweetheart. His sister, Mrs. Jennie Thomas, wife of a banker of Eagle Rock, was the chief State's witness against him, though she fought hard for her brother. Selby's mother died while he was in jail, and he wears, on a chain, around his wrist, this locked portrait of her.

### Our Police Chief.



SIR W. HORWOOD

Sir W. Horwood, Chief of Scotland Yard, had the task of guarding the lives of the King and Queen when they rode in state to the recent opening of Parliament. It was reported that their lives had been threatened by Egyptian plotters.

### DENTISTRY SHRINE DEDICATED.



ST. APOLLONIA SHRINE

Cardinal O'Connell, of Boston, has dedicated, in St. Cecilia's Church there, the only shrine in the world to St. Apollonia, patron saint of dentistry, the gift of the Guild of St. Apollonia, Catholic dentists of the Hub. The statue, carved of solid oak, and the shrine, are shown during the dedication ceremonies.

### New German Envoy.



BARON VON MALTZAN

Baron Ago von Maltzan has been appointed German Ambassador to the United States, succeeding Dr. Otto Wiedfeldt, who incurred the American Government's displeasure when he refused to half-staff the Embassy flag on the occasion of Woodrow Wilson's death. Baron Ago is a native of Mecklenburg and was educated at the Universities of Bonn and Breslau. He has been Under-Secretary to the Foreign Office for three years, and has served in other diplomatic posts.

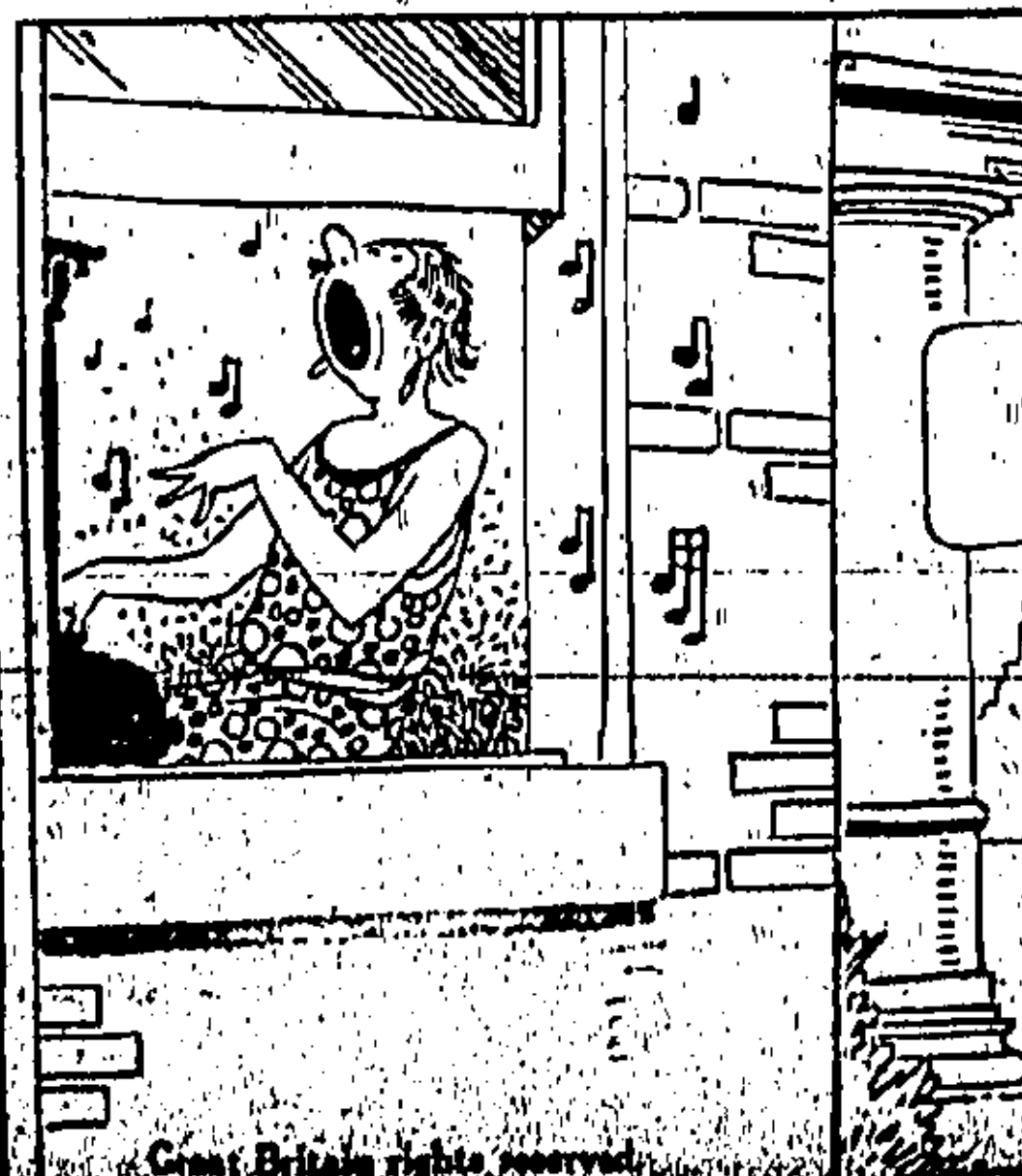
### FIGURES IN THE NEWS SPOTLIGHT.



Below: MRS. ASA G. CANDLER & ASA G. CANDLER. Below: SECY. JOHN W. WEEKS & SECY. CURTIS D. WILBUR

Asa G. Candler, Coca Cola King, has been reconciled with his young wife and pending divorce proceedings will be withdrawn. In response to the demand of Mr. Wilbur, Naval Secretary for a larger navy, the United States Senate has provided funds for eight new cruisers, converting six coal burning battleships into oil burners, and for six new gunboats for China service. America's Secretary of War, Mr. Weeks has asked Congress to approve the opening step in a \$115,000,000 programme for building new barracks for the army.

### BRINGING UP FATHER.





**LAMMERT BROS.**(AUCTIONEERS, APPRAISERS  
AND SURVEYORS.)**Public Auctions.**THE Undersigned have received in-  
structions to sell by Public Auction**THURSDAY, 15th January, 1925,**  
commencing at 11 a.m.  
at their Sales Rooms, Daddell Street,  
5 Bales Sulphate Pulp  
100 Rolls Oil Cloth  
100 Doz. Tin-opener  
9 Cases Fruit Juice  
And  
A Quantity of Miscellaneous Goods  
Terms:—Cash on delivery.  
**LAMMERT BROS.,**  
Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, 13th January, 1925.**FRIDAY, 16th January, 1925,**  
commencing at 5.15 p.m.,  
at their Sales Room, Daddell Street.  
**A Valuable Collection of**  
Postage Stamps  
(Full Particulars from Catalogue).  
On View from Thursday, the 15th  
January, 1925.  
Terms:—Cash on delivery.  
**LAMMERT BROS.,**  
Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, 13th January, 1925.**THE WATER SUPPLY.**Level and Storage of water in reservoirs  
on the 1st January 1924.**CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS**  
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**WORLD OF SPORT.****RIFLE SHOOTING.****DOCKYARD CLUB****DEFEATED.**At Stonecutters on Saturday,  
the Dockyard Rifle Club lost to  
the Small Arms Club in a shoot  
for points under the Hong-  
kong Rifle League. Scores were  
as follow:—

Small Arms Club.				
Name	Yds.	200	500	600 Total.
Capt. R. Sturges	33	30	26	89
R. M.	24	28	33	85
Sgt. C. Tugwell	24	28	33	85
Sgt. R. Whit-	24	28	33	85
tingham	24	28	33	85
P. O. Lawson	19	10	23	52
P. O. Figgitt	25	24	30	79
C. P. O. Payne	23	22	23	68
Mne. Carrington	27	28	30	85
E. R. A. Wilkes	27	31	27	85

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Plus 6% for open sights.....37.26

Total.....658.26

**Dockyard Rifle Club.**

Name	Yds.	200	500	600 Total.
Mr. Cock	22	27	29	78
Mr. Magar	28	27	28	83
Mr. Wimble	28	28	21	77
Mr. Newham	28	27	24	79
Mr. Jefford	27	27	20	74
Mr. Coles	23	22	27	72
Mr. Worth	24	23	18	65
Mr. Cassidy	20	27	31	78

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**HOCKEY.****CLUB "A" v. SUBMARINES "A."**The following will represent the  
Hongkong Hockey Club "A"  
versus Submarines "A." at Happy  
Valley this evening at 5 o'clock  
sharp:—A. Bower, L. R. Blacking,  
W. H. Lock, A. N. Other, H. C.  
Macnamara, G. R. Vallack, A. I. C.  
Bowker, J. Wedlake (captain),  
D. S. Green, H. G. Gardner and  
H. H. Rose.**H.K.H.C. 2nd XI. v. SURREYS.**The following will represent the  
Club in a match against the East  
Surrey Regiment at Sookumpoo  
to-day at 5 p.m.:—G. H. Piercy,  
C. L. Beecher, H. R. Remington,  
Rev. N. Evans, C. J. U. Hughes,  
W. A. Nowers, T. R. Rowell, D.  
Lyons, S. D. Garrod, D. J. Arm-  
strong and W. H. Edmonds.**CANTON GOLF.****TUNGSHAN CLUB****CHAMPIONSHIP.**On Sunday last, the twelve  
entrants who qualified for the  
championship of the Tungshan  
Golf Club, Canton, played off over  
36 holes, medal play. Mr. A. T.  
Lay, who has won fame in Hong-  
kong as a cricketer, was declared  
the winner.Net scores of the first four are:—  
A. T. Lay 81 + 73 = 154  
L. Scotchmer 78 + 78 = 156  
J. T. Smith 80 + 77 = 157  
R. K. Batchelor 79 + 81 = 160  
Mr. R. K. Batchelor, Club cap-  
tain, presented the Cup in the  
evening.**SERVICE FOOTBALL.**On the Sookumpoo ground at  
4 o'clock this afternoon, the  
"Titania" and Surrey football  
teams met in the United Services  
competition. C. P. O. Tovey will  
referee.**SHAMEEN MATCHES.**A football team from the French  
gunboat "Argus" has been beaten  
by the Shameen Sports Club by 8  
goals to 1. Forthcoming Shameen  
"soccer" matches include those  
for the Watson Shield in which  
the Customs Recreation Club will  
play H.M.S. "Moorhen" as soon  
as the latter arrives there.**A WAY THEY HAVE.****HOW FRENCH FORWARD****SCORED A GOAL.**London League representatives  
tell an amusing story of how the  
Paris Ligue, in the recent annual  
match for the Dewar Cup, in the  
French capital, scored an equalis-  
ing goal and went on to win the  
game.The Londoners having gained a  
lead, Paris were attacking when  
the London goalkeeper was in-  
jured. Play went on, with a  
French forward rendering first aid  
to the goalkeeper, but while so  
doing the ball came towards him.  
He thereupon let go the unfor-  
tunate goalie, secured the ball, and  
kicked it into the empty net,  
returning to help the stricken  
player. And the French referee  
allowed the goal to count.**LEAGUE CRICKET.****C.S.C.C. v. EAST SURREYS.****The following have been select-**ed to play for the Civil Service  
Cricket Club in a first division  
League match with the East  
Surreys, on Saturday:—E. W.  
Hamilton (captain), G. R. Sayer,  
E. B. Reed, F. J. de Rome, A. R.  
Sutherland, F. E. Lawrence, B. D.  
Evans, F. H. Holdman, F. Baker,  
E. C. Fincher, and F. J. Ling, with  
H. G. Wallington as reserve.**KING'S HORSES.****HOME RACING MEN****WORRIED.**British racing men are beginning  
to wonder what is the matter with  
King George's racing stud. It  
has dwindled to only twenty-  
eight animals with nothing promis-  
ing among them and with little  
chance of producing anything pro-  
mising with the present stock.The King has been practising  
economy for the last three or four  
years—it is said he has saved  
\$100,000 this year on his house-  
hold expenses alone—and his  
agents have not been active in the  
big sales of yearlings during that  
time. Breeders and trainers have  
deplored this fact, because it has  
long been known that if the King  
intended to keep his stable up to  
the standard where he could expect  
to annex some of the classics he  
could not do it with his established  
stud, particularly the mares.One of the most spectacular  
figures on the English turf now is  
the Aga Khan, who has had  
phenomenal success, but those  
who follow racing closely also  
note that his string has been built  
up largely by purchasing at very  
high prices yearlings that should  
develop in the best company. It  
is freely stated that it is almost  
impossible, and certainly not  
politic, for the King to bid  
against the Aga Khan up to, say,  
\$45,000 for a yearling.This situation has brought about  
dissatisfaction with "Dick" Marsh,  
who has trained the royal stud for  
thirty years and has always been  
successful until recently, when the  
class of the stud was allowed to  
run down through lack of new  
blood. There is some controversy  
whether Marsh really resigned or  
was pushed out, but it seems the  
latter is the best bet. His place  
will be taken by one of the  
younger members of the Jarvis  
family, who for two generations  
have been successful trainers on  
the English turf.**HONGKONG**HONGKONG HOTEL, REGULAR BAY HOTEL,  
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